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# Hamas suicide bomber kills 18 in Jerusalem

# Peres: We are at war with Hamas

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PRIME Minister Shimon Peres declared that Israel is at war with Hamas, following yesterday's deadly suicide bus attack in Jerusalem.

A Hamas suicide bomber blew up a No. 18 Egged bus on Jaffa Road in Jerusalem yesterday morning, killing 18 and senously wounding seven, exactly a week after another suicide bomber took 25 lives on the same line.

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An angry Peres listed new security measures to be enacted, and declared his commitment to "separation" between Israeli and Palestinian peoples. (See story below).

The bomb was similar to the ones used in last week's attacks in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, a senior police source said.

"The evidence points to the same hand being involved in all the attacks," the source said. In all the attacks, 15 kg.-20 kg. of TNT were used and metal scraps, in vesterday's case nails, were included in the bomb to make it more deadly.

Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit confirmed there were simi-larities among the bombs. Amit, whose office at the Russian Compound police station is only several dozen meters from the scene of attack, said he arrived to find "hodies strewn all-over."

"It was a very disturbing sight," Amit said. "The bus was simply

Four people in serious and two



Security and medical personnel run for help immediately following yesterday's deadly bus bombing.

in very serious condition were taken by Magen David Adom ambulances to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. One seriously wounded person was reported taken to Shaare Zedek

The explosion ripped apart the bus at about 6:25 a.m., as it was about 20 meters from the intersection of Jaffa Road and Shlomzion Hamalka and Cheshin streets, with the bus continuing to skid forward until coming to a halt in the intersection.

The explosion left the bus a burnt out shell. The roof and most of the sides were gone, as were. most the seats. Bodies were strewn on top of each other in what remained, and later placed in plastic bags and taken to the National Forensics Institute at Abu Kabir for identification.

Police sources said the terrorist was apparently sitting in either the middle or back of the bus. Nineteen bodies were discovered in the

rubble, including that of the terrorist, said Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby.

The terrorist may have set off his bomb as soon as he got on the bus, but other possibilities are also being investigated. Ben-Ruby said. Police are also investigating whether the terrorist was aided by Arabs in eastern Jerusalem,

added. Israel Television reported that an evewitness saw the terrorist get on the bus on Jaffa Road, but gave no more details.

Buildings near the blast site were damaged, some badly. Most of the area windows were broken, awnings and blands destroyed:

Police said only the early hour, with pedestrian traffic still light and area workers not yet on the job, prevented even more casualties. The bomb site is one of the busiest in the city, near the main post office, City Hall, and the police station.

There were bodies and body

parts all over," said Shraga Ragoniski, director-general of the haredi volunteer medical service which helps Magen David Adom treat the woulided, and afterwards gathers body parts to ensure they are buried.

"Yes, I was also at the scene last week, but you never get used to

Ma'aleh Adumim resident David Zilber was walking to a bus stop to take him home. "I heard a loud boom, like an earthquake.

Bodies were flung into the air, and glass flew everywhere," he said. "The rescue work was finished within minutes," Amit said. "It's sad to have to say that we have become experts in dealing with

this type of event." Light rain began to fall after the injured had already been evacuated, and did not appear to affect the

police work. Several police officers commented that the location of the attack, even if coincidental, near the police station and City Hall, made it that much more

enraging.
Prime Minister Shimon Peres came to the scene about two hours after the attack to see the devastation first-hand. There were a few anti-government calls from the crowd during the short briefing Peres received from Amit and Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz.

Amit and Hefetz later met with Peres at the Prime Minister's Office, where they discussed the government's planned security moves, including beefing up police and army presence in the capital.

There were brief pushing and shoving matches between police and the crowd of several hundreds onlookers, including many who openly expressed their outrage by chanting "Death to Arabs," and

"Peres go bome." Amit said police were bracing for demonstrations and possible attempts by Jewish extremists to carry out revenge attacks on Arabs. Dozens of protesters chanting 'Death to Arabs" rushed toward the Old City in the afternoon, but

were haited by police.

Mayor Ehud Olmert called for restraint from the crowd. "I understand that people are angry, but this type of behavior is not helpful at this time. It only makes the work of the security forces that much more difficult. The security problems did not begin this morning. We must remember

Oimert convened an emergency session of the city council in the afternoon.

About half an bour after the bombing, an anonymous caller to claimed responsibility for the attack in the name of Hamas.

Herb Keinon contributed to this

## **Peres: Peace process** hangs on PA crackdown

DAVID MAKOVSKY

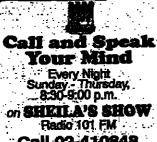
FOLLOWING yesterday's soicide bus bombing, Prime Minister Shimon Peres warned Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat that the future of the peace process bangs in the balance if he does not crack down on Hamas.

He told reporters that if the other side does not keep its commitments. Israel cannot be counted on to adhere to its own. "It cannot be unilateral," he said.

The IDF is slated to redeploy from Hebron at the end of this month. When asked, he said as the situation stands now, he "saw no point in beginning talks on the final disposition of territories un-less the PA gets tough with

Furthermore, an angry Peres isted new security measures to be enacted, and declared his commitment to "separation" between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.
This declaration marked a sharp

departure for Peres, who has been known to oppose the notion as being unworkable and contrary to his idea of establishing a final ne-



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gotiated settlement based on open

Peres said NIS 247 million would be set aside to implement separation, including the establishment of specific crossing points for vehicles and goods between Israel and the territories. Punitive action would also be taken against Israeli employers who smuggle in Palestinian laborers.

Yet, it remained unclear to what extent the closure currently in place would lead to actual separation. After terror attacks in the past-two years, officials often declared they are heading to separation, but its key provisions have yet to be implemented.

For example, last year's recommendations of a commission on separation headed by Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal were ignored as unworkable and costly. Furthermore, plans for establishing labor-intensive industrial zones in the territories, which would preclude the need for the Palestinians to work inside Israel, have foundered on the shoals of

bureaucracy. Peres blamed the Palestinians for "administrative problems" in

this regard. Among the other security steps taken by the cabinet: the deployment of 1,200 extra policemen in Jerusalem, and the stationing 800 guards to ride buses or be positioned at bus stops in the city. Despite the opposition of Meretz ministers, it was decided to seal and destroy the homes of relatives of suicide bombers.

Peres said he was declaring war on Hamas, but at the same time. made it clear that a major share of the fighting should be done by the PA. "We all agree to uproot this organization to the foundations. We will not shy from any measure. We will spare no effort. We decided to give this war the highest and most unequivocal priority - all that we have in men, ideas, and means."

Peres emphatically called upon Arafat to hunt down the Hamas killers, ban the Izzadin Kassam organization, and disarm those who (Continued on Page 2)

## 'The nightmare that we don't wake up from' "I wish I was 80 and single," she

It's the nightmare that we don't wake up from. The corpses. The body parts. The blood. The them how it feels." screams. The agony.

People will weep, the photographers will take pictures, you will light candles, and then next Sunday there will be another attack," Avigal Shirabi shouts at a group of people who, about two hours after the blast, set up yet another make-shift memorial next to where yet another bus blew up.

The people shelter memorial candles with pieces of cardboard, just as they did last week at the corner of Jaffa Road and Sarei Yisrael Street, just as they did last year at Beit Lid, just as they did two years ago on Rehov Dizengoff. "And what good does it do." Shirabi shouts.

Two teenage girls disregard her, and - swaying back and forth with eyes closed and fists clenched continue chanting psalms. "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we mention the name of the Lord our God. They are bowed down and fallen, but we are risen, and stand upright."

Shirabi, a middle-aged mother. works herself into a frenzy. She looks as if she is going to faint, and police quickly come to offer her water, take her from the site, calm her down.

says, "I would drive a truck full of explosives into them and show

Someone nearby starts to chant Baruch Goldstein, Baruch Goldstein.'

Hundreds of people congregate throughout the day at the intersection where Jaffa Road, Rehov Shlomzion Hamalka and Rehov Cheshin all meet - the city's newest horror site. At times, they sing "Am Yisrael Hai." At times, they chant "Revenge, revenge."

The scene is surrealistic. Blood mingles with water to create colorful prisms. Haredim with orange vests over black garb are lifted by crane to scrape pieces of flesh off building facades. The windows of cases are blasted out, whippedcream filled pastries sitting among shards of glass.

"Unfortunately the branch is closed, please go to the central branch on Hillel Street," reads a handwritten sign on the door of the First International Bank at the corner where the bus came to a stop. The bank's windows are blown out.

For about three hours after the blast, the crowd is kept behind police barricades, and stares at the carnage from a distance. A steady rain does not keep people away. When the barricades are opened, people rush to the scene.

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wanting to see with their own eves the remnants of the horror. The sound of crunching glass is everywhere. A municipal worker dumps shovel after shovel of glass into a huge trash bin.

The police apparently realizes it made a mistake by opening the barricades, and begins to push people onto the sidewalks. One man is arrested. When the crowds sees him being taken away, they rush the police, screaming that the police should be arresting Arabs, not Jews.

"Please move onto the sidewalk, you are getting in the way of the cleanup efforts," an officer shouts from a megaphone. No one We will not move out of the

center of the streets." a man yells at a police officer. "The blood in the streets is still warm, it is screaming at us to do something."

What we need is Sabra and Shatilla," another man shouts. A few teenagers begin chanting "Peres the Nazi, Peres the Nazi.` "There need to be two people

checking every bus," says Hannah Avraham, looking for someone to talk to. Then she changes her tune. "People should help each other out, should give each other rides in their cars.

Avraham immigrated two years ago from Poland, via Germany. "I didn't come here to die," she says. "I have a place to go back to, but how about everybody else."

Judy Bernstein, of Har Nof. says she could not stay at home after she heard about the blast. "I

can't function, I can't do laundry. I had to be here with the people." "This is Rabin's legacy," inter-

rupts Benny Pertz, of East Talpiot. "I told my wife not to go to work today, that there was going to be another attack. I knew it. What kind of life is this?"

## The victims

The following are the names of those killed in yesterday's Jerusalem bus bombing:

• Sgt. Yoni Levy 21, of Jerusalem

• Sgt. Haim Amedi, 19, of Jerusalem

• Senior NCO Uzi Cohen, 54, a border policeman from Jerusalem • George Yonan, 38, of Jerusalem

• Maya Birkan. 59, of Jerusalem • Sarina Angel, 45, of Beit Jalla

Naima Zargary, 66, of Jerusalem

· Gavriel Shamshivili, 43, of Jerusalem Shemtov Sheikh, 63, of Jerusalem

 Anna (Ora) Shingeloff, 36, of Jerusalem Raya Daushvili, 55, of Jerusalem

• Stephans Gidoi, 23, a tourist from Ethiopia

Valerian Krasvon, 44, a tourist from Romania

Romanian workers

 Dominic Lunca, 29; • Daniel Patenka, 33;

Marian Grefan, 40:

• Mirze Gifa, 39;

• Dimitru Kokarascu, 43.

One body was as yet unidentified, apparently that of the sucide bomber.

# 'Hamas network in Jerusalem aided suicide bombers'

STEVE RODAN and BILL HUTMAN

HAMAS has restored its terrorist network in Jerusalem and its members are believed to have provided support for the two suicide bombings in the capital over the last eight days, security sources said yesterday.

The sources said that only weeks after the capture of a Hamas cell responsible for the planning of several bus bombings, including that in Ramot Eshkol last year, the organization has rebuilt its terrorist network in eastern Jerusalem.

For several weeks, security officials expressed concern that Hamas was returning to Jerusalem but after the two suicide bombings they are now said to be convinced that the organization's infrastructure has been restored.

Security sources said Hamas terrorists in Jerusalem are in close contact with those in the territories who sent the suicide bombers on their mission. The Jerusalem cell, the sources said, probably provided the suicide bombers with last-minute instructions, intelligence and even the explosives necessary for the attacks.

"You just don't bring in 15 or 30 kilograms of TNT on your back or put it on your lap in a taxi cab," a security source said, "It is likely that these things are prepared the minute you are about to embark on your mission."

The sources said the alleged mastermind of the latest wave of suicide bombings, Mochya Eddin A-Sharif, has made his home in the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina. He also attended Abu Dis College, regarded as a hotbed of Islamic militancy.

Security sources said Hamas enjoys widespread support in eastern Jerusalem.

and unlike in the territories, its political leaders often coordinate with Fatah activists and those aligned with the Palestinian

Security officials have long argued over the best way to minimize Hamas's influence in Jerusalem. Some of them, particularly in the General Security Service, have argued for close coordination with the Palestinian Authority as well as ensuring open access to Islamic holy places to reduce unrest. Other officials, particularly in the police, have urged a crackdown on what they call the network of schools, charities and clergy that form the backbone of the

organization's support system. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert also charged yesterday that the Hamas infrastructure exists in eastern Jerusalem, with

the full knowledge of the government.

Olmert was not referring specifically to Hamas terror infrastructure, but to an array of allegedly Hamas-affiliated welfare, education, and social organizations.

Olmert raised the matter of these institutions, which are used by Hamas to increase Palestinian public support for the organization, in his meeting after the attack with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, sources close to the mayor said.

Among the organizations named by Olmert were the Central Islamic Welfare Organization, Islamic Science and Technology Association, and the Islamic religion faculties of Al-Kuds University.

Olmert told Peres that those and other Hamas-affiliated groups operate in eastern Jerusalem with the knowledge of the GSS. and that immediate action is necessary to shut them down.



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# Arafat bans armed groups, promises 'serious steps'

JERUSALEM BUS BOMBING

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat yesterday said he would ban all armed groups inside Palestinian-controlled territory, agreed to intensify efforts to disarm them, and vowed to arrest gunmen in the radical Islamic movements.

The PA is also planning a march today to protest the bombing yesterday.

Arafat was responding to the three demands of Prime Minister Shimon Peres. He described the situation at a press briefing as "very serious and dangerous."

This "awful terrorist activity is not against Israelis only, it is against Palestinians, Israelis, and the peace process ... We will take serious steps for banning these low up with all our means," he said.

Arafat listed opposition armed groups including Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas. Demonstrating his resolve,

troops of Arafat's Presidential Guard (Force 17) drove a convoy of armored personnel carriers down the main streets of Gaza

It was the first time Arafat had agreed to ban opposition armed groups, although they were already outlawed. Pro-Arafat groups like the Fatah Hawks have mostly disarmed. Arafat has preferred to reach an understanding that Kassam gunmen would keep their weapons at home. Fol-

persons and groups ... We will fol- lowing last Sunday's bombings, Arafat arrested close to 300 Islamic activists, according to Hamas officials, and ordered that unlicensed weapons be handed

> But police had arrested only two of 30 hard-core cases from a list provided by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak last week.

> Last night, Arafat gave a seven-minute speech on Palestinian TV in which, without mentioning Hamas by name, he vowed to crush any opposition to the peace

Yesterday's attack was claimed by a group called "The Yihya Ayyash units," after the slain bombmaker. It first took respon-

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know why she did not get off the bus on King David Street as she

usually does. She is survived by

her husband, three children, and

job at a Mevasseret Zion laun-

sibility for last Sunday's bombings. The Hamas and Kassam link was clear from a leaflet issued in Jerusalem.

It said, "With this operation, we will stop our armed activities starting this morning to give the Israeli government and the Hamas political leadership a chance to reach a cease-fire via the Palestinian National Authority. They have three months."

It added that "we will violate this immediately if the feeble General Security Service hurts Hamas or the wanted heroes of the Kassam units."

In a telephone call to Israel Radio's Arabic service, a anony-

mous voice said, "The martyr was Islam Mohammed Abdu, 24, from Hebron. He has gone to heaven. The bomb was 16 kgs. Hamas will carry out other operations."

However, the family of Abdu could not be traced in Hebron. The anonymous caller, who took responsibility in the name of Hamas did not mention the "Ayyash units" and took no account of the written statement's offer of a three-month cease-fire.

The attack also contradicted a joint statement issued on Thursday, in which Hamas and Izzadin Kassam offered Israel one week to respond to a conditional ceasefire offer, and even repeated the offer after the government rejected it out of hand.

Osama el-Baz, a senior adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met with Arafat in Gaza to discuss measures he should take against Islamic extremists.

El-Baz said the peace process is "going thrugh a crisis. Arafat also spoke by phone with Muharak.

Most Hamas officials could not be reached for comment. Saved Abu Musameh, a senior Hamas in Gaza who participated in the PA-Hamas dialogue in Cairo three months ago, said: "I am against the killing of civilians, but what

happened today was a reaction," referring to the killing of Ayyash. Palestinian clergy mainly kept

elected Palestinian Council members condemned the closure imposed by Israel without condemning the bombings which provoked it, on the grounds that the bomber came from the Hebron area, not Gaza.

However, plans were under way by the PA to have a peace march in Gaza tomorrow condemning the bombing, a source in the PA Planning Ministry said.

Fawar refugee camp, south of Hebron, where last week's two suicide bombers lived, was placed under curfew. Peres ordered the two bombers' homes sealed, after the families accepted "congratulations, not condolences" at a wake they held after the bombers were identified.

# Five bomb victims laid to rest

FIVE of the victims of the bus hombing were buried yesterday.

Sgt. Yoni Levy, 21, of Jerusalem's Katamonim neighborhood, was buried at Mt. Herzl. Levy, who served in the air force, was a graduate of the Beit Hinuch high school. Hundreds of relatives and friends attended the funeral. His sister-in-law came to the funeral after attending the burial of her nephew, Sgt. Haim Amedi, 19. another bus bombing victim.

Levy was buried next to Amedi, who is survived by his parents, three brothers, including his twin, and a sister. Friends said Amedi missed the bus No. 18 that

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After the two funerals most of those attending went to the funeral of Senior NCO Uzi Cohen, 54, who also lived in the neighborhood. Cohen, who served in the Border Police, was buried in the police section of Mt. Herzl.

Shemtov Sheikh, 63, was buried yesterday at Har Hamenuhot. He was headed to his job at the Israel Broadcasting Authority building when the explosion occurred. He is survived by his wife, four sons and eight grandchildren.

Naima Zargary, 66, of Jerusalem, was also buried yesterday at

three grandchildren. George Yonan, 38, an Arab Christian resident of the Christian Quarter, will be buried this afternoon. Youan, who was deaf from birth, was on his way to his

> Anna (Ora) Shingeloff, 36, of the Katamonim, is survived by her father, husband, and two baby daughters. Shingeloff, who immigrated from the former Soviet Union five years ago, was on her way to her job at the Renaissance Hotel. Friends said she had been suffering from shock all week after also having just missed taking the first No. 18 that was bombed. Sarina Angel, 45, a mother of four, of Beit Jalla, was

on her way to a job in Jerusalem.



Haredi volunteer medical workers search for body parts at the site of yesterday's bus bombing.

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ONE thousand soldiers and 1,200 policemen are to be brought into Jerusalem today as part of the effort to beef up security in the city, a move police have been demanding for some time, Inspector-Gener-

The extra forces will largely be used for protecting the public transport system, a mission it was difficult for police to handle because of the large forces needed to protect the 500-600 buses

He said police had requested the extra forces for some time. However, "after this attack, there was no choice but to change priorities" and find the funding required for the extra manpower,

He was speaking to reporters following a special meeting of police brass to discuss the measures to be taken in response to the recent terror attacks.

on buses, said Cmdr. Yossi Zacharia, who heads the volunteer corps. After last week's attack, preparations began for including the Civil Guard in the effort to improve bus security.

begin an increased effort to patrol bus stops in Jerusalem.

He called on the public to volunteer for the Civil Guard.

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are illegally possessing weapons.
Officials in the Prime Minister's

Office said that Arafat, for the first

time, gave Peres a commitment to

hunt down the killers on the list he

received last week from Chief of

General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon

In broad terms, Israel wants the

PA to make a strategic choice be-

tween its commitment to the peace

process and its avoidance of a

showdown with Islamic militants,

believing the PA cannot have it

both ways. If Israel is forced to

chase down the killers, it could

lead to the collapse of the accord.

PA is unwilling to crackdown on killers, "someone else" might have

to do the job.

Yet, Shahak hinted that if the

While Hamas and others says it

was Israel's reputed killing of Ha-

mas master-bombmaker Yihye

Ayyash which triggered the latest

round of suicide bombings, Israel

insists that it was PA behavior be-

fore and after the Ayyash killing

Gaza, and then after he was killed,

the PA permitted mass solidarity

Peres also called on Moslem religious leaders to denounce suicide

lem teachings. Deputy Foreign

Arab effort will be waged against

condolence call on his parents.

which sent the wrong message.

## brought to Jerusalem BILL HUTMAN

al Assaf Hefetz said yesterday.

operating at peak times, Hefetz said.

The Civil Guard is also to play a major role in improving security

Zacharia said that this morning, Civil Guard volunteers would

"The idea is to scare away a potential attacker," Zacharia said. "And if the terrorist does succeed in setting off a bomb, we want to make sure it happens outside the bus, where it will be less





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In deep pain, we mourn for the victims of the vile atrocity, perpetrated by heinous terrorists.

We offer deepest sympathy to the bereaved families, and pray for the recovery of the injured.

## בתקווה בת שנות אלפיים

**Avraham Burg** 

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ist groups have killed more than 120 Israelis and wounded some 511. Hamas perpetrated 14 of these attacks, in which 93 were killed and about 408 wounded: the remainder were perpetrated by Islamic Jihad. Following is a list of attacks until yesterday.

● April 16, 1993: A Hamas suicide bomber drives a car into the parking lot of a roadside cafeteria at Moshav Mehola and blows it up, killing one and wounding

September 12, 1993 Two wounded when a Palestinian rams his car, loaded with gas canisters and cans full of gasoline into a Prisons Service bus in

• September 14, 1993: A suicide bomber dies when his explosivefilled belt blows up before he can enter the Gaza police station.

• September 26, 1993: A Hamas suicide bomber dies when his car, carrying two pipe bombs and several gas canisters, blows up in

October 4, 1993: Thirty soldiers wounded when a Hamas suicide bomber blows his car up next to the bus carrying them from Jerusalem to Shilo.

## Barak: Army has free hand FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak

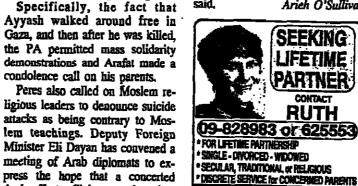
said yesterday that the army has a free hand to combat terror and that it is up to Israel to take actions to ensure its security.

"The initiative is in our hands when it comes to intelligence operations," Barak said during an interview on Mabat. "The security services, police and IDF are doing their utmost to fight terror." Barak said. "There are no limitations on the IDF or on its freedom of action."

Arieh O'Sullivan

PA areas closed to Israelis

The IDF declared the Palestinian-ruled areas a closed military 20ne and put them off limits to Israelis following yesterday's bus bombing. A military source said the measure was for security reasons. The ban will be in effect until further notice, the army Arieh O'Sullivan



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# Suicide attacks toll: 120 dead

Jerusalem Post Staff • December 13, 1993: Three reserve soldiers wounded when an with gas canisters, tries to attack them. They shot him, and the ambulance exploded when he then ran off the road.

● April 6, 1994: A Hamas suicide bomber explodes his car next to a bus in Afula, killing eight and wounding 51.

● April 13, 1994; A Hamas suicide bomber explodes a bus in Hadera, killing 5 and wounding

• October 19, 1994: A Hamas suicide bomber explodes a bus in Dizengoff St. in Tel Aviv, killing 22 and wounding 48.

November 11, 1994: An Islamic Jihad suicide bomber on a bicycle explodes himself near Netzarim, killing three and wounding six. • December 25, 1994: A Hamas suicide bomber blows himself up near Binyenei Ha'uma in Jerusa-

lem, wounding 12, but with no deaths. He narrowly misses the bus which was apparently his intended target. ● January 22, 1995: An Islamic

Jihad suicide bomber explodes a

bus at Beit Lid, killing 21 and

• April 9, 1995: Eight are killed

and 45 wounded in two separate snicide attacks in Gaza .- one, by Islamic Jihad suicide bomber, Islamic Jihad, near Kfar Darom, driving a stolen ambulance filled and another, by Hamas, near Netzarim. The Kfar Darom attack is responsible for all of the deaths and most of the wounded. ● June 25, 1995: A Hamas suicide bomber explodes his donkey cart

by an army base outside Khan Yunis. No one killed or injured. ● July 24, 1995: A Hamas suicide bomber blows up a bus in Ramat Gan, killing six and wounding 31. ● August 21, 1995: A Hamas suicide bomber blows up a bus in

Jerusalem, killing four and wounding 106. • November 2, 1995: Two Islamic Jihad bombers blow up their cars in an attempt to destroy two bus-

es, wounding 11. Because they were forced away from the buses by the army, how-

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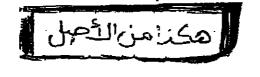
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# Give security forces freedom to act - Netanyahu

"THE first guiding principle must be to act with restraint and keep calm. And the second should be an uncompromised mobilization of the whole country to fight an all-out war against terror," Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu told a press conference in the Knesset yesterday. He was speaking after a meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and a meeting of the Likud security forum.

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"We will support the government's firm action against terror, because this is not something that should divide the country. On the contrary, it should unite it," Notanyahu said.

He said he had outlined several ideas during his meeting with Peres, including a complete closure on all areas in which there is a terrorist infrastructure and "severe punishment for the perpetrators, accomplices, and families of the terrorists, including deportation. which has proven most effective in the fight against terrorists in the past.

"The focus of the struggle is on Jerusalem. These actions are aimed at getting us to leave at least half of our capital, if not more. We think it is only fitting to expel all the PLO institutions

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and get rid of all the centers of Hamas activity in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas. And such centers do exist.

"Above all, what's most necessary right now is to return the freedom of operation to our security forces. We don't believe we can simply rely on [Yasser] Ara-fat and his promises. We cannot and should not come to terms with the existence of a terror infrastructure in the heart of the country and apparently also in the heart of our capital," Netanvahu said. First and foremost, we must return the freedom of operation to all arms of the security forces, so they can act any where necessary without any political restraints."

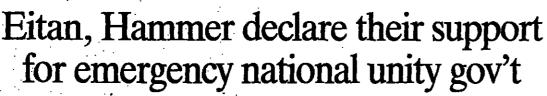
Netanyahu promised full support for the government. "It's the moment to unite the ranks," he said. He said he had not discussed the formation of a national unity government, however. "We're not offering our support in return for government positions. We are offering an outstretched hand to help in the fight against terror, regardless of the composition of the government." Regarding the government's

discussion of a plan to physically separate the Palestinian areas, Netanyahu said: "The relevant question to ask is what lies on the other side of the fence. There's no point in discussing whether or not to build a fence if the security forces do not have freedom to act on both sides of it."

He also callled on the government on to support the bill by MK Yehoshua Matza (Likud) demanding the closure of Orient House. The bill is scheduled to come up for first reading this

Gideon Ezra, a former deputy head of the General Security Service who is running in the Likud primaries, suggested additional measures: transferring responsibility for crossing points from the IDF to the Border Police in places like Kalkilya and Tulkarm; confiscating vehicles transporting passengers who do not have a permit; punishing people who cross over the Green Line illegally; and rescinding the business license of employers using

illegal workers. He also proposed freeing bus drivers to pay greater attention to passengers by installing automatic ticket machines and placing security guards at bus stops.



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TSOMET leader Rafael Eitan and National Religious Party leader Zvulun Hammer both told Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday they supported establishing an emergency national unity government following the latest bus bombings and

Eitan stressed such a government would be an emergency one united only around the need to fight terror, while leaving the parties free to contime their political opposition on all other

Eitan said Peres had promised an answer within a couple of days. Peres, however is expected to

Hammer said such a government should include anti-terror experts. The negotiations with the Palestinians and the next stages in the implementation of the Osio Accords should be completely frozen until after the elections, including the IDF. withdrawal from Hebron, Hammer said. He also called on Peres to "free the IDF and security : forces from the 'Denver boot' of the Oslo

If this can be agreed on, there would be some reason to reconsider postponing the elections to their original [October] date," said Hammer.

Eitan, on the other hand, does not favor delaying the elections "unless it would be to establish an emergency government which could save lives." Eitan called for strengthening the settlements; stopping the redeployment; imposing collective punishment; applying economic pressure, "and killing the terrorists wherever they might be. If it is necessary to establish an emergency government to achieve this, this would be the correct step to take. There is also a question of morale and the feeling of helplessness among the public. An emergency government would help raise morale."

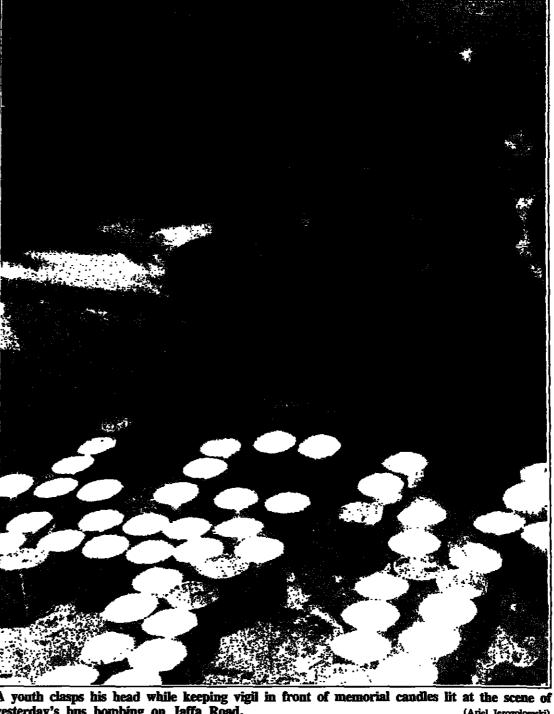
"In this terrible war, we can do everything but show weakness," Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said, adding that the peace process shuold not be stopped as "it is only this process which will bring about a drastic change in situation. But it needs a great deal of patience.'

Sarid said an emergency national unity govern-ment would not change the situation. "Even if there were a national unity government, the IDF wouldn't be better and the police and General Security Service would remain the same, so altering the composition of the government wouldn't change things. What it takes is all-out war on terrorism.'

"The detailed operational list which the Chief of Staff [Amnon Lipkin-Shahak] gave Yasser Arafat should have been given directly to the Israeli security forces and not to some sub-contractor who does not want to and is incapable of carrying out the task," said MK Hanan Porat (NRP).

MK Emmanuel Zissman (The Third Way) also called on the government to suspend the peace process "not just for the period of mourning but until the Palestinian Authority has been shown to crack down and take action against the terror infrastructure in the areas under its control."

Tsomet faction chairman MK Eliezer Zandberg called on the prime minister to appoint a full-time defense minister. He said the attacks showed that Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who is also the defense minister, had not spent sufficient time on



yesterday's bus bombing on Jaffa Road.

# Youths riot near Old City

DOZENS of youths rioted near the Old City yesterday evening, beating an Arab bystander, and damaging Arab cars and businesses. Police reported 16 people were detained during unrest in various parts of the city.

The youths were among the about 200 protesters who had gathered at the site of the terrorist attack. The protest included sharp verbal attacks on Prime Minister Shimon Peres, but for the most part passed without

Several dozen protesters ran from the site toward the Old City, just several hundred meters away, where policemen prevented them from entering. The youths, however, ran down Route 1, banging on cars with

their fists and throwing stones. Just outside Damascus Gate, the youths broken the windows of about 10 vehicles, and damaged several signs over businesses, most which were already closed. Those which were open shut their metal shutters when they saw the youths

The youths assaulted an Arab pedestrian as they made their and HERB KEINON

city, beating and punching him until he managed to flee. The pedestrian was treated by Magen David Adom medics, who reported that he was lightly

"I went into the store to buy a pack of cigarettes, and when I came out I found all the windows in my truck broken ," said Kamal Rambal, 46, of the Ras al-Amud neighborhood.

At the Patt junction, two hundred protesters tried to block the roads, but were kept back by police. The junction is near the Katamonim, home to many of those killed and wounded in the recent terror attacks.

Hundreds of people continued to congregate at the attack site last night. Police blocked traffic at the intersection, and groups of people variously prayed, lit memorial candles, and sang.

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When the bright television lights were on, some people began chanting "Death to the Arabs." Dozens of policemen kept the group from spilling out beyoud the intersection and onto Jaffa Road or Rehov Shlomzion Hamaika.

Most of those at the site were religious youth, and the songs they sang were religious songs. At a few locations near the intersection, people set up memorial candles in the shape of the Star of David.

While this was going on at street level, a welder was fixing the window frame of a blasted out window on the third floor of the Generali building. Some of the stores nearby had already replaced their blown out windows with new ones, while others had covered the windows

with plastic or wood. On the sole palm tree on the traffic island next to where the bus came to a stop, someone placed a one word sign: "Enough."

## Weizman: Gov't must stop and think

**BATSHEVA TSUR** 

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman reportedly called on the government yesterday to suspend the ongoing talks with the Palestinians and to refuse to start the final status talks, scheduled for May, unless the Palestinian Authority complies with all points of the Oslo accords.

Weizman, who was speaking on the terror situation with Foreign Minister Ehnd Barak, also reportedly said the government should demand the immediate amend-ment of the PLO Covenant.

Shortly after hearing the news of the bus bombing, Weizman said the nation must remain united and the government must pause to

"I strongly recommend that the forces contesting these elections, whether on the right, the left, or the center, get together with the sharpest minds and find a solution to the terrible situation in which we find ourselves," Weizman said.

"This is a state of war," he added, "and it is not the time for dissension ... Therefore I suggest that members of the government pause for a moment and think about what I said a year ago because it can't go on like this. I can understand the feelings, but we have to get the situation under control and then we can continue. The peace process is not going to run away."

But he cautioned against inflaming the situation and called on the public to remain calm.

"I beg for total restraint," he said. "This is the time to unify the nation, not to fight with each other.

Weizman reportedly also suggested that the Israeli delegation be recalled from the Maryland talks with the Syrians. He suggested to Barak that the scheduled withdrawal from Hebron be postponed as well.

## **'Palestinians** should demonstrate against terror

**DAVID RUDGE** 

DR. Ahmed Tibi, adviser to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat yesterday called on the Palestinian people to take to the streets and demonstrate against terror and for peace.

The call was made in a broadcast on Palestinian radio. Tibi said that he had also raised the suggestion with Arafat.

Meanwhile, the forum of Israeli Arab Council heads is to hold an emergency meeting today, amid calls for similar demonstrations against terror and for peace inside the Green Line.

"We will also discuss sending a delegation to meet with Yasser Arafat, and delegations to meet Prime Minister Shimon Peres; to express our condolences to the bereaved families; and to visit the injured in the hospitals," said Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the forum. "It's clear that we cannot let this matter pass without reacting over and above condemning these crimes."

Tibi was the first to break the news of the latest suicide attack to Arafat. "He said it was a terrible tragedy," said Tibi. "He said he would also condemn the attack publicly and which he did soon afterwards.

"When I saw the pictures of the bodies, I felt shame and disgrace that people who represent themselves as if they are acting on be-half of Islam and the Palestinians, carry out such horrendous acts.

I don't have the words to describe my own sorrow and heartache. I hope, however, that the whole of the Palestinian people will pronounce in the most forthright way: 'No, totally no to terror.

This terrorism is hitting innocent people and also harming the vital interests of the Palestinian

people."

Tibi said the latest wave of terror attacks is directly linked to Israel's decision to hold early

elections. There are those in Hamas who are interested and want to put the Likud and the right wing in power because by doing this they believe

they will harm the Palestinian Authority and this is their aim," he said. The spiritual head of the Islamic Movement in Israel Sheikh Abdallah Nimr Darweesh called on international Moslem leaders to

suicide attacks He was quoted on Israel Radio as saying that the scenes of death and destruction in Jerusalem are not consistent with Islamic

place a fatwa (religious ban) on

Israel calls off scheduled talks with Syrians

ISRAEL has decided not to resume peace negotiations with Syria today as scheduled because of the Jerusalem bus bombing and the funerals of its

An embassy official in Washington said that the hegotiating team would remain in town, but would not state whether the discussions would resume tomorrow. He said that would be discussed in meetings

with the US peace team today. The current round of talks in tural Maryland, which began in the middle of last week, was Scheduled to conclude Wednesday. The official said it is not yet known whether the missed day would be made up later this week.

The postponement is occurring in part "to look into the issue of terrorism and the Syrian connection to terrorism," an Israeli source

here said. The Israeli official said erusalem has not heard anything from the Syrians, either directly or through the Americans, in reaction to the

bus attack.

A senior administration offigial supported the Israeli decision, saying that "under the cirHILLEL KUTTLER

cumstances, it's an appropriate action."

the peace process have a responsibility to take actions" against terrorism and its supporters.

support of these kinds of [terrorist] actions," he said. "We believe actions need to be tak-

taking these actions." In a statement yesterday morning, President Bill Clinton cautioned Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat that be must rein in terrorists, while ex-

on yesterday's Jerusalem attack. Once again, Americans join and anger at this terrorist

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The US has not yet heard of a Syrian response to the attack but the official said that "we are He also said "all the parties in

"There are groups in Syria that have been active in their

"We want to see a positive response because it's good for the peace process. It is in the Syrians' interest to be seen as

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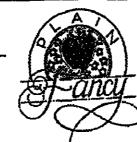
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Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss gives blood yesterday in Jerusalem after the bus bombing.

# Public rushes to give blood

OVER 1,800 residents donated blood at Magen David Adom stations in the main cities by midafternoon after learning that the Jerusalem terrorist blast had claimed so many victims.

MDA had to supply only 200 pints to the capital's hospitals yesterday, but the rest were used to resupply the blood bank, whose stores had been seriously depleted by terror attacks and road accidents in the area during the past week.

At the Jerusalem MDA station, hundreds of would-be donors lined up. Many underwent blood pressure tests and stood on the queue for as long as two hours before their turn came. "I was on my way to work when I heard about the bus blast. I was so angry and felt so helpless that I deJUDY SIEGEL

cided the least I could do was give blood," said Ziva, a secretary.

Yuval Cohen, who works in electronics at the Intel factory, just finished an overnight shift when he heard about the disaster. "The way things are going, Jeru salemites will donate blood one day and need blood the next," he said. One woman who works at the Teva pharmaceutical company went to MDA with a whole group of colleagues who wanted to donate blood.

Yossi Wolfson, a Petah Tikva resident studying at a Jerusalem yeshiva, was among the first in the line but still had to wait over an hour to donate. "I don't know what we should do about the situation, except to pray," he said,

MDA staffers appealed to would-be donors to return later in the afternoon or the next day, when the crowding would be alleviated. But most of those in the quene said they had come to give and would stay there until their blood was taken. More information about blood donations can be obtained by calling the tollfree number 177-022-5911.

MDA Jerusalem chief Avraham Halbersberg said that his staffers reached the bomb site yesterday almost instantly. "Our people were there within four minutes, and seven minutes later, all the wounded had been evacu-

Three mobile intensive care units and 13 ambulances were dispatched to the site.

# Families face the unthinkable with pain and silent screams

IN THE Kennedy Memorial Hall of Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem there are wall decorations which read: "They shall be remembered" and "Gate to Life." but it was there that families and friends of those killed in yesterday's bus bombing heard the words which blew their lives

Surrounded by doctors, nurses and social workers, the relatives and friends clasped each other for comfort that could not be found and tried to understand the incomprehensible.

"Now he's going to be put in the ground but that's not where he belongs," wailed the mother of Yoni Levy, a victim of the

"It hurts. It hurts. I can't take this pain," cried the mother of A stretcher was rushed to a

father who collapsed on his knees in the rain outside. Some screamed, some went. The sister of one victim kept opening her mouth to say something but nothing came out, not even a name, just a silent scream.

For some of those seeking information on the dead and wounded, it was the second Sunday in a row they had made such a journey. Tomer, a close friend of Youi Levy, came to offer support to the family. Last Sunday, he had offered condolences to the family of his work colleague, Gabriel Krauss.

"I just attended the memorial service for [a relative] Merav Na-

hum killed last week when I heard my daughter Galit had been wounded," said Maurice Choonah. Like many of those at the hospital, Choonah is a resident of the Katamon neighborhood and knew several of the dead and wounded in both at-

Michal Gol, 25, the girlfriend of one of those wounded last week rushed to the hospital to help the families. "When I heard of the attack I started crying and I kept thinking of all those families who would have to go through what we went through - the searching and the nightmare of not knowing. I had to come and

do something," she explained. But unlike last week when the

injured and their families swamped the hospital corridors, yesterday there were few survivors. Only six injured victims were brought into the medical center, all of them in serious condition suffering from burn and,

blast wounds. Jerusalem Mayor and Likud MK Ehnd Olmert visited the families of the wounded in the intensive care unit. At the en-

trance, he told reporters: "This is the second time in a week that a bus has exploded in the heart of Jerusalem. This terrible event raises several questions. about what was done after last week's attack and what should be done in the future."

He urged residents to keep the peace and not take the law into

## Hotline: Calm answers to heavy questions

**EVELYN GORDON** 

THE room which houses the Jerusalem municipality's emergency hotline appears calm, even relaxed. Employees answer the phones with an air of unhurried confidence. Though the hotline's main job is to deal with public complaints on routine matters, employees received their baptism of fire on how to deal with a terror attack last week. By now, the procedures are old hat. Emotionally, of course, it never is.

"It's very hard for us to keep working like robots," said Yafit Ben-Guy, 24, who has been on the job for only a month and a half. "It's especially hard when a friend or relative of the person who is calling has been

fafa, says: "I live in an area which uses this bus, and I am afraid of receiving the name of someone I know. But this is my job."

The hotline's main job is to give information on who was wounded and where they are hospitalized. Employees are not authorized to give out the names of the dead; instead, they refer people whose relatives are missing to the police hotline or to the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute, They also answer questions as to which bus was attacked, at what time, and in what direction it was going; how many people were killed; what streets are closed; where people can go to give blood; what else people can do to

There are also, of course, those who call to discuss politics - for instance, to inform the city that it should close down Orient House. "Obviously, we don't let them continue the conversation," said Avner Mizrahi, 26.

The hotline is staffed by about a dozen phone operators, almost triple the normal complement. Most have been there since around 7 a.m. and have no idea when they will be able to leave. Some, like Shlomo Rivken, 31, have been there even longer. Rivken came in at 9 p.m. Saturday night to handle the night shift, and stayed on when the bomb exploded shortly before his

Rivken, the resident Russian speaker, has somber news to impart after speaking with a Russian immigrant

"There's going to be an Anna on the list of the dead," he says with finality.

Two social workers are there in case a caller gets hysterical, but they are not often needed for this, said Uri Heymann. They are there more to give advice and transmit information. For instance, he said, one person wanted to know if someone could accompany him to Abu Kabit. Heymann called around and then called the person back to let him know whom to call to arrange it. "You never get used to it,"

Rivken said. "It's impossible."

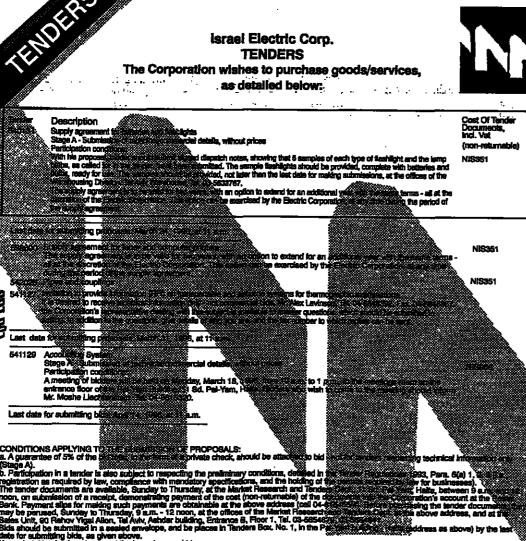
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## Katamonim: Fear surfaces amid macabre humor **GREER FAY CASHMAN**

RESIDENTS of Jerusalem's Katamonim area spent yesterday afternoon consoling each other and wondering why Hamas suicide bombers had targeted the No. 18 bus that goes through their neighborhood.

"It's a seed of fear. You plant it and it grows. Then all of a sudden you transplant it and no one knows where it's going to pop up next," replied Jeremy Bland, a municipal gardener working in the neighborhood, which has suffered the highest casualty rate in the capital's two bus attacks.

"A solution has to be found. People have to feel safe going to ing their kids to school," Neighborhood resident Ayala

Sabag speculated: "Maybe it's because 18 means life. They decided that 18 is death." She was already repeating a macabre joke

circulating throughout the neighborhood: "Depressed people who want to commit suicide don't have to hang themselves, take an overdose or blow their, brains out. They just have to get on a bus which travels from the Katamonim to town."

Bland and Sabag were among a group gathered on the lawn outside a Bar Yohai Street apartment building, the home of one of the victims of yesterday's explosion. Only a week earlier they had gathered there to mourn a neighbor in the building, Daniel bomb blast.

As the crowd grew, it came to include little girls dressed as Oueen Esther, lending a strange, festive note to the gloomy gathering.

At Avi Amsalem's minimarket

in Bar Yohai Street, business was slow. "I've got less customers than I generally have on a Sunday. People are scared to leave their homes, because there's terrorism everywhere - not just in the buses," said Amsalem. "We have to do what we did 20 years

ago. We have to hit back." Shula Efrati, a mother of two, admitted to being afraid to ride the No. 18. "But I'm more afraid for my kids," she said. "We'll use the bus less and take more cabs." Miriam Ben-Abu, who lives in

the same block as the other terrorist victims, will continue to ride the No. 18. "What can I do?" she lamented. "Who can afford to take taxis everywhere? But whenever I get in I look from side to side throughout the whole journey. You don't know who to

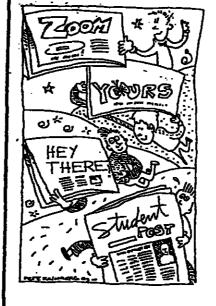
Although most of the buses traveling the No. 18 route were near empty for most of the morning, by noon they began to fill up. Drivers tied black cloths to their sideview mirrors.

David Cohen, a 31-year-veteran of the route, was constantly quizzed by passengers who asked whether he was going to stay in the job. "We have to continue." he said speaking on behalf of his colleagues."That's our income." As for being afraid, Cohen said: "I can't afford to show any fear. If passengers think that I'm afraid their own confidence will crumble."

Looking out the window while the bus was still in Katamon, passengers saw army officers entering a house where a crowd had already gathered. There was a collective sigh of sorrow for yet another grieving family, followed by cries for revenge.

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Minister Amnon Rubinstein,

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erally are able to emotionally

insulate themselves from what

is going on at the site of such

attacks, yesterday they could

standpoint, we work accord-

ing to a system which numbs

our senses, but this time it

There was no Purim miracle

Wolken said the rain which

fell at the site would make

their job more difficult be-

cause it washed away many

finds, making identification

Ten volunteers went to help

their comrades in Jerusalem,

and another 10 went to Abu

Despite the emotional diffi-

culties; the volunteers were

again seen scouring the site of

the attack, picking up bodies and body parts and collecting

All the collected material

was then placed in plastic

bags, and sent either to the

Shamgar Funeral Home or to

fear life

of 'Russian

roulette'

MEMBERS of Egged's secretari-

at yesterday afternoon took a ride on No. 18 bus from the Gonen

depot to Beit Egged to show soli-

Before departing from Gonen,

The No. 18 bombed last week

left from the same spot, as did bus

No. 26 that was the target of a

suicide bombing seven months

Shmuel Halifa, Egged's Jerusa-

lem director, told the gathering at

Beit Egged that "the drivers feel

like they are in the middle of a

"They know what time they are

to leave their posts, but they don't

know when they will be

Egged's psychologist, Ziona Spiwack, was called in to the

Gonea depot immediately after

the bombing. She said the attack

was difficult for everyone to deal

"If possible, the drivers are im-

mediately returned to the driver's

seat. The drivers are anxious, but they must return to work," she

Shlomo Levine, chairman of

the Egged secretariat, said his col-

leagues had "come to encourage

you all. But you here have given

At 12:30 p.m., the secretariat

As the bus drove through Kata-

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## Hundreds of Purim festivities canceled

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HUNDREDS of public and private Purim festivities along with many other lectures, concerts, theatrical performances and symposia have been canceled

The Union of Local Authorities recommended to its affiliates that all public Purim celebrations be canceled, said ULA spokes-

local authorities have indicated they will do otherwise.

street festivities because of the tions," he added.

and some religiously observant people questioned whether it send Purim gifts or to serve refreshments on synagogue premises after the reading of the Scroll of Esther.

Cancellations included Claire Bloom's narration of A Midsummer Night's Dream and a schedtiled concert by Aviv Gefen.

performances and recitals at the Jerusalem International Convention Center, the Khan Theater, the Jerusalem Theater, and the Zionist Confederation House.

try called off its Purim Party at the Renaissance Hotel and Intel

The Jerusalem Economic Forum has deferred its gala symposium on Jerusalem as the main tourist center in the Middle East. Election campaign functions

Milo gave orders that all functions involving the municipality were to be canceled. A municipal these events would be available

## my sitter pick me up early?'

PRINCESSES, Batmen, and devils arrived at nursery schools around Jerusalem yesterday, despile early morning reports of the

Although the schools closed early due to the attack, at Beit Hayeladim in Rehavia it was nursery school as usual. And, on this particular day, that meant retelling the Purim story and celebrating the triumph of good over evil with candies and sweets.

sucking on a cherry lollipop, Nitzan Amedi, 4, said she heard about the bombing on the radio as her father was taking her to school.

said Amedi, unable to elaborate. Although teachers said that they know the children are aware of such incidents, they do not discuss them in the classrooms because of their charges' tender age. "Of course, they know what happened; they see it on television and hear their parents. But these children are too little to talk about it," said one worker.

Shawn Otmezgin, 5, said he knew there was a bombing, but this Spiderman-for-a-day shook his head "no" when asked if he

and a baby bottle in the other, Imbar, 4, did not understand why her babysitter, Rinat Tamuz, had

"She doesn't realize that these are the sort of things that could happen," said Tamuz, adding that, as a result of the recent terrorist attacks, she will not travel Itzik: Destroy Hamas's spiritual infrastructure

THE spiritual infrastructure of Hamas which has become a lab-"The fatal connection between oratory for cultivating terrorists nationalist extremism and relihas to be destroyed, MK Dalia gious extremism is the root of all Itzik, head of the Knesset's Eduevil and the destruction of the cation Committee, said spiritual infrastructure is no less important than the destruction of She was speaking at an emerthe physical infrastructure," Itzik

gency session of the committee The committee, which sent its condolences to the bereaved families, called for extra psychological personnel to be sent to Jerusa**BATSHEVA TSUR** 

lem schools to help children in the capital deal with the events of the last few days. Psychologists reported on how children, and particularly those in Jerusalem, were being helped to handle the tension and grief. The committee also sent special condolences to the Beit Hinuch high school, four of whose alumni have been killed

in the past week's bus bombings.

Early yesterday morning, Rubinstein gave instructions to cancel all Purim festivities in kindergartens and schools out of respect for the dead and wounded. Nevertheless, many children who had already dressed up arrived at school in costumes. But there were no official parties and psychologists held discussions with pupils throughout the country.

Pupils from a Petah Tikva high school who had prepared mishloah manot (Purim gift parcels) brought them instead to the wounded at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, Educational TV reported.

In state religious schools, psalms were recited and prayers said for the wounded and in memory of those killed, at the instruction of the Religious Schools Administration. Rabbis and educators yesterday called on all older pupils to refrain from dressing up for Purim to prevent the possibility of terrorists dress-

ing up and going unnoticed. Meanwhile, schools and kindergartens will be open today in Jerusalem, as recommended by educational psychologists, the ministry spokesman said.

No classes will be held but activities will take place in keeping with the atmosphere.

## Jordan ready to rein in Hamas

News agencies

JORDANIAN Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti vesterday signaled a possible crackdown on

He said he telephoned Prime Minister Shimon Peres "regarding the heinous criminal act and I told him that we're willing to go beyond mere condemnation of the act.

"I told him we're willing to coordinate in combating terrorism and that we've responded before this act to all international calls for international efforts to combat terrorism." Kabariti told Associated Press Television.

"We consider the beinous act as targeting not only Israeli citizens and innocent people, but also us, at peace-lovers, at the Palestinians and the Palestinian state, and that's why we condemn it ... aggressively," he added.

Kabariti declined to spell out if the government will apprehend Jordan-based representatives of

Jordan's King Hussein said he was angered and disgusted, calling the attack an attempt to provoke Israel into retaliation that would damage peace efforts.

"I am very, very deeply angry and utterly...disgusted by this cowardly and inhuman crime," the king told Channel 2 television by telephone from Jordan.

He said the bus bombing claimed by Hamas was "a very flagrant provocation aimed at bringing about a serious retaliadamage to the peace process".

He said he was confident that Palestinian President Yasser Arafat "has been trying his best" to stop such attacks.

Egypt urged Israel not to allow the violence to block the peace process with Palestinians. "Stopping negotiations...would be giving in to the conspiracies and tricks which aim to stop the peace process," Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said in a statement in

In Moscow, a Foreign Ministry statement quoted by Interfax news agency said Russia con-demned the "irrational criminal

### 'We can't function robots' "OUR emotional strength is sapped. Even before we've had time to recover from the previous attacks, we have to deal with another one. We can't function like robots; we're human beings, too,' Aharon Wolken, head of the Hesed Shel Emet volunteer unit in the Tel Aviv and Central districts said yesterday. Just minutes after leaving for the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute for more work iden-

Police clash with demonstrators at the site of the bus bombing yesterday.

# Trauma expert: Anxiety and grief normal when 'one's illusion of safety is shattered'

SHOCK waves of anxiety, sorrow, pain and grief - all normal responses to an abnormal, traumatic event like yesterday's ous bombing - move through the country in concentric circles. the bus but didn't she said. Those physically closest to the The next circle includes those but virtually everyone is affected, according to Prof. Zahava Salomon, dean of Tel Aviv Universi-

Abu Kabir, where additional ty's School of Social Work. hours of work awaited the "Though we're all biologically vulnerable, we're generally able to get on with our lives because of the psychological sense that we're not vulnerable. This is a sustain-**Bus drivers** ing force that really belos us." she

> After an event like this, however, "one's illusion of safety is shattered.

"People are exposed to feelings of great vulnerability and

Among those most affected are the "near misses": those, for exthey got off the bus at an earlier stop, or were supposed to board

ample, who were spared because

event are the most traumatized, who were not directly involved physically, but who have a psychological link through previous terror attacks: survivors, relatives of those killed, people who had narrow escapes. People who experienced other

traumatic events, like the recent bus accident in Galilee, are also likely to have a strong response. "Even though there's no [direct] connection, it arouses trauma, Salomon said.

event is to the previous trauma, the more vulnerable the person

"The more similar the current

In Israel, the circles of vulnera-

nenced wars. "People often mourn their per-

sonal losses in the current grief," she said. But this mourning brings no healing, "Repeat trauma is not a corrective emotional experience; it deepens the Because there is no nationwide

those who have fought in or expe-

'corrective emotional experience" after a terror attack, there is so much anger, so many people seeking meaning, order, someone to blame, she said.

Feelings of heartsickness, distress and anxiety are typical immediate responses among those closest to the event, and usually dissipate as time passes.

As an example she cited people whose homes were destroyed by missiles in the Gulf War. Though 80 percent had symptoms imme-

Salomon is the author of Coping with War-induced Stress: The

Gulf War and the Israeli Response, published by Plenum Press. 1995. In a few rare cases, however. these responses, instead of gradually disappearing, will become "crystallized," and the person

may suffer from severe anxiety, recurrent nightmares, hypervigilance, anxiety that a similar event will happen any minute, disturbances of concentration and

Psychiatric intervention is indicated only if the symptoms persist, she said.

"But we all need a lot of reassurance and solidarity. In trauma you are absolutely alone. You get a lot of strength from the knowledge that others care.

"The support helps you feel the world is not coming to an

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throughout the country. man Amon Perlman None of the municipalities or "I don't think there will be any

sensitivity of the situation," Perlman said, "but it's difficult to tell children not to dress up, and it's equally difficult to tell private people to desist from celebra-Nonetheless, many companies and individuals canceled events,

would be appropriate this year to The Jerusalem Municipality

canceled all events for at least two days and the council met last night to decide whether the period of public mourning should be extended to the rest of the week.

Other cancellations included

There were far fewer cancellations of functions scheduled at hotels, though the Foreign Minis-

Electronics did likewise at the

across the political spectrum have been put on hold in the capital.

In Tel Aviv, Mayor Ronni spokesperson said a full list of

'Why did

**JENNIFER FRIEDLIN** 

suicide bombing.

Dressed up as a strawberry and

"A bomb exploded on a bus,"

members got on No. 18 from was frightened by the news. Carrying a lollipop in one hand mon, not one person got on at the first six stops. As the bus continued toward town, a few people

finally boarded. "It was very difficult to get on the bus," Hava Sa'adon said. 'It is not possible to know now what is going to happen when you get on a bus." (Itim) with Imbar the bas.

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## Needed: An unconventional response

TE are in a state of war with Hamas," declared Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday, and the first question that comes to mind is how is this day different from any other? Hamas and Islamic Jihad have been waging a relentless, total terrorist war against Israel for years. In this war, they have used knife wielders, gunmen, ambushers, kidnappers, car bombs, suicide bus bombers, and even hit-and-run drivers with tenacity and imagination.

Nor did yesterday's suicide attack on a Jerusalem bus introduce anything new. The local Islamic organizations first started using suicide bombers in April 1993, well before Baruch Goldstein gave them an excuse for "revenge," and certainly long before arch-terrorist Yihye Ayyash was killed. The only difference between the more recent incidents and six attempts in 1993 (one in the Jordan Valley, one outside Jerusalem and four in the Gaza District) is that the earlier attacks caused 'only' one fatality and a few score injuries. Had the terrorists been more proficient and their intended victims less lucky, the number of fatalities could have been in the hundreds.

Why, then, was Israel's declaration of war made only yesterday? The answer is all too obvious. Until the latest outrage, the government - trapped in a vision of a new, transformed and peace-loving PLO - hoped that Yasser Arafat would do the job for it. One of the main selling points of the Oslo agreement was that "instead of our chasing the terrorists, the PLO will do it," as the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin put it. "And they will not be constrained by courts and human rights organizations," he

That no real peace can be attained with a regime unrestrained by courts and respect for human rights did not seem to occur to the government at the time. It was so eager to withdraw from the administered territories that it ignored the illogic of its wishful thinking. But it should not have taken long to realize that the PLO had no intention of performing the tasks Israel expected of it. Dictatorial regimes may be ruthless against internal enemies, but clearly Arafat does not consider the Islamists enemies. They fulfill the function of the shooting arm in the negotiations, something all dictatorial regimes deem an effective accompaniment to talks.

Nor did Arafat have reason to suspect that the actions of such an arm could harm his position. On the contrary. Time and again, with unseemly vehemence; Israel assured him that no terrorist act would detail the peace process. It anything, Israel would accelerate the process "to show the terrorists that they cannot budge us from our course," as government spokesmen mindlessly repeated.

The government even managed to dissuade American Congressmen who had the temerity to question Arafat's intentions from voting against aid to the Palestinian Authority. Only three days before the suicide bombing of the Jerusalem bus last week, Peres praised Arafat in reverential terms for the effective way he was

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRIME IN

**SOUTH AFRICA** 

Gordin has to say in his article

Terror on the road in the new

South Africa" (February 18) that I

take exception to, it is what he omits

Yes, the crime in Johannesburg

has been unbearable since the ANC

came to power and dismantled

apartheid. But it didn't just happen

because South African blacks have a

predisposition to commit crime. It

resulted from the indeterminable

and lasting damage wreaked by

apartheid on the large majority of South Africans, and not as Gordin

suggests from "the color bar break-

ing down." Forty years of repres-

sion and its attendant brutalities.

cannot be erased overnight. There is

a whole generation of frustrated young adults who grew up during

the height of government repression in the '70s and '80s who continue to

live with the horrific memories of

Gordin exaggerates completely

when he writes that only "brave

people drive after dark." One takes

every precantion, including cellular

phones if possible, but people con-

tinue to go out to movies, restau-

MEMORIAL SERVICE

ing those who did not attend the

memorial service for the late Mena-

chem Begin? Was the reporter try-

ing to insinuate that those not at-

tending were on the "outs" with

those who did, or perhaps with the

DIANA SCHIOWITZ

late prime minister himself?

Sir. - What was the point of list-

DANTELLA SLON

rants and entertainment venues.

their youth.

Jerusalem.

that I find indefensible.

Sir. - It is not so much what Joel

LAND OF

**PSYCHOPATHS** 

Minister Shimon Peres made an as-

tonishing statement to the effect that

"there are hundreds, maybe thou-

sands of Israelis who are willing or

planning to assassinate high govern-

ment officials including the prime

minister." Evidently he has con-

cluded that Israel is now a land of

psychopaths. If Mr. Peres really be-

lieves this, then he has only two

alternatives. Either he can flee the

country for his life, or he can change

the government policy of keeping a

few dozen citizens jailed under ad-ministrative detention to a policy of

incarcerating thousands, based on

It is government practice to send

out teams of psychologists to help communities and families which

have endured terrorist attacks to deal

with their trauma. I think the time

has come for us, the people, to start

sending psychologists to our gov-

emment officials. They obviously

**ILLUSIONS** 

sponsible newspaper such as yours

mislead its readers with the caption

under the picture on page 10 of your

issue of February 23, "The main

difference between Fatah and Ha-

mas is... how to make peace with

On page 3 of the same issue, you

report how the leader of Fatah "sees

Israel's demise" and he is the

Is it not time for all Israelis to give

BERNARD GOLDBLUM

up fanciful illusions and face the

Sir, - How can a supposedly re-

ALLYN ROTHMAN

need them more than we do.

his suspicions.

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Israel."

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Jerusalem.

reality before us?

Sir, - On February 20, our Prime

curbing Islamist terrorism.

Arafat thus had all his flanks covered. No matter what his terrorists did, he was assured of continuing Israeli withdrawal and unstinting political and financial support from the US and the donor nations, plus NIS 100 million a month from Israel. It was a no-lose situation. Under such circumstances, expecting him to fight terrorism and risk a civil war defied reason.

Yesterday Arafat's men averred that the incident was not the Palestinian Authority's responsibility because the bomber had come from territories still nominally under Israeli control. And while Arafat acceded to Israel's demand to outlaw terrorist organizations, he still declined to arrest the 30 terrorists whose detention Israel had demanded. It remains to be seen how effective the "outlawing" of Izzadin Kassam and the Islamic Jihad will be.

Now he may have to decide that the terrorist activity has gotten out of hand, and that it is in his interest to halt terrorist acts until after the Israeli withdrawal from Hebron and the Knesset elections. But if he hopes that Israeli pressure will dissipate in a few days he may be underestimating Israel's rage. Even Labor spokesmen, admitting that the Oslo process has deprived Israel of vital sources of intelligence, are talking of sending the army into Arab towns to liquidate terrorist cells - something they deemed unthinkable only a week ago.

Some government spokesmen even admit that by glorifying such "martyrs" as Ayyash and other terrorists, Arafat was sending a clear message to Arab youth: "The armed struggle must continue, regardless of the lip service I pay by condemning terrorist acts."

To combat terrorism, Israel is now embarked on a program of "separation" - erecting fences and deploying patrols along the Green Line. Clearly, the bombings have forced Peres to abandon, at least temporarily, his dream of an instant Benelux in this part of the world.

But fences will solve few problems. As all military experts have said, there is no way to seal off the country, particularly as long as there are 150,000 Jews living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and an equal number of Arabs living in Jerusalem. A total ban on Palestinian workers may help, not because it will make infiltration of terrorists impossible, but because the economic hardship it will entail may make terrorism unpopular among Palestinians.

But no defensive measure, or even Israeli initiatives against the existing terrorist infrastructure, can be effective against fanatic suicide bombers. Only inventive, unconventional means can prove effective. Promised a direct route to paradise, these Islamic kamikazes believe they must have a proper Islamic funeral before they reach heaven. It is the kind of burial of which Israel must take pains to deprive them.

Suicide Islamists were the scourge of the Sudan under British rule. The British ended the phenomenon through the simple device of burying them in pig skin, which according to the fanatics' precepts assured that they would never reach paradise. An unconventional war calls for an unconventional response.

JERUSALEM DIVIDED

battle-cry of the Likud, "Peres is

dividing Jerusalem" (stated in the present tense, as a fact, not even as a

possibility), is an invitation for fa-natics like Yigal Amir and his ilk to

murder again, it is also a big bluff.

a wall of stone, but by a wall of fear

and mistrust. Ask your readers how

often they visited the Old City in the

last 8-10 years, except for the very religious who trust in God and pray

at the Wall, and for our "heroes"

there surrounded by security men.

like Sharon and Olmert, who go

I suggest that it would be much

better for all of us if we could come

to some kind of arrangement with

the other people to whom this city is

also dear, so that we all could walk

peace and security in this beloved

**MOVIE REVIEWS** 

man's assigning four stars to Lisbon Story and Clueless, we went to see

both films. We walked out at the

interval during the first and after 10

minutes of the second. Lisbon was

boring and Clueless can only be

described as sheer "dreck" (a word

which appears in the Webster

I readily concede that tastes and

perceptions differ. But it is just be-

vond me how four stars can be as-

signed to the aforementioned films

and three to such superb productions

man's preferences, we shall in fu-

ture draw our own conclusions

Now that we know Adina Hoff-

BARBARA GARDNER

as Carrington and Shadowlands.

Sir, - On the basis of Adina Hoff-

ANNY RUEBNER

and ancient place.

Tel Aviv.

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# Israel – at war again

mid the shock of yet anoth-er vicious act of mass ter-Aer victous act of moss in Jerusalem, it is difficult to think calmly. Anger, frustration, sadness - these emotions overwhelm logical thought

**OPINION** 

But when dozens of innocent people are buried week after week, when families are irreparably torn apart, one thing does not need spelling out. There is no peace. President Weizman himself said

it: Israel is at war again. The basis for the negotiations has always been the exchange of land for peace. Israel would withdraw and reimquish control over land in return for an end to decades of war and terrorism. And since 1993, Israel has kept

its end of the bargain, against the advice of many, and at great cost. But the Palestinians have failed to deliver; there is no peace for Israel. Mass killing continues, and the perpetrators become heroes, feted in Palestinian towns and vil-

Murders become martyrs. In Kalkilya, just outside Kfar Sava, a celebratory parade reenacted the bombing of an Israeli bus. All this takes place under the watchful eyes of Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian "Police."

On the last Friday in Ramadan, Islamic preachers on the Temple Mount told over 200,000 of their followers to destroy the Jewish **GERALD M. STEINBERG** 

A Palestinian Peace Now? There isn't one. There are no demonstrations against the brutal murder of

THE PROCESS has failed, and the details of exactly which faction is responsible for the killing isn't

For us there is no New Middle East. only the knowledge that there is no peace

really relevant when we are burying and mourning our dead. The first responsibility of our government is to protect its citizens, without further delay.

We are at war, and wartime means military action - calling up the reserves to search house-tohouse across every village and city, including, if necessary, those areas under Palestinian control. Every source of explosives, every training base, every individual involved in planning or execut-

Not only must the closure be

ing terror must be sought.

few must be imposed, including in East Jerusalem, until the sources of terrorism are found, and the searches completed.

in this unending war.
As for the political front, in 1967 political leaders.

East, no new world order. The terrorism that has plagued us for many decades is still with us. In the past, only the skill and

tive peace. If this is still the best we can hope for, it is better than what we

bring Israelis some periods of rela-

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fully enforced - including the ban-ning of travel by "VIPs" - a cur-

This requires careful planning and the implementation of a fullscale military operation. There will be casualties; but at least Israel will be responding, and we can live with the hope that at some point we will restore the cease-fire

the threat of combined Arab attack led to the creation of a national unity government. This war requires no less. It requires the cooperation of all major parties, all In any case, the peace process

which has divided Labor and Likud is no longer an issue. For us, as we bury our dead yet

again, there is no New Middle power of the IDF has managed to

Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

would like to continue a rela-

tionship of hegemony toward

the Palestinians, calling it

"cooperation" - now have to

realize that we are at a cross-

roads leading toward a new

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Under difficult conditions, the

Palestinians have achieved a

measure of self-rule which will,

hopefully, lead them toward

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But economic dependency

mustn't replace political and

Palestinian self-reliance must

be enlarged with the help of

Arab solidarity, and Palestinian

leaders, who for decades were

able to mobilize the whole Arab

world on their behalf in their

fight against Israel, must now

rely on that same Arab solidari-

Even under the present com-

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Israeli rule over two million

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Israeli rule, and freeing Israelis

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It was a twofold emancipa-

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# people alone

**BEN DANSKER** 

hen was if ever not this way?

Jewish life has, throughout the centuries of exile, always been precanous.

Whether in the land of Israel or outside of the land, Jewish blood has flowed in abundance at the bands of our enemies.

In every corner of the globe stood the children of Amalek, from Harnan and his sons to Hitler and his henchmen, and all of the others in between.

To speak of the horrors and darkness of the exile is pointless; that was always a given of our condition. Even now, though the num-bers are finally very small, there are still Jews in the world who go in danger of their lives because they

The hope, of course, was that as a free people in our land we would no longer be the prey of the wicked among the nations, but that we would live in peace and security. And yet, in the century since our return began, we have known little.

if any, peace. The return of the Jewish people to its ancient homeland has been bought with much blood and suf-

fering, to this day, up to this very In the early years of the state, few people lived far from a terrorpocked border. Whether in the farms and towns of the Galilee, in

the Negev, or in Jerusalem, we were under constant attack. Perhaps the attackers were less sophisticated, and the magnitude of each attack not so great, but there has been no time in which we felt

truly secure.
Victory in war brought us security from the threat of physical destruction, of annihilation - no small feat in a century which saw a third of our people destroyed. But it has not yet brought us the peace we

long for. With the attacks last week and yesterday's repeat bus bombing, the anxiety, if not the fear, reveals itself as deeper than one suspects it has been for a long time - even if, in fact, we are stronger, safer, and more secure as a nation and as a people than we have been at any time since our long and bitter exile began.

PERHAPS it is the incongruity of sitting safely behind one of the strongest armies in the world and yet suffering such mounting casualties, as if we were totally

Perhaps it is the incongruity of our material well-being, our having risen in a short decade or less to being counted among the world's wealthiest nations, and yet feeling the vulnerability of the defenseless. Perhaps it is that, possessing all

### Jews will not find rest by seeking to be like other nations

the trappings of the quieter, safer life it seems should go with such material achievement - the homes. the cars, the appliances, the luxury stores and and restaurants full of people - we thought that we would commensurately acquire a quiet, undisturbed life.

Certainly this was what the peace process was supposed to have been. It was supposed to be the culmination of the Zionist Dream. Israel was to become a nation like all the nations.

But what we cannot seem to understand is that we are not a nation like all the nations, that we are, as the biblical Billam said of us, "a nation that stands alone."

Our security will not come out of material well-being - not ours, nor that of our enemies.

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If it comes at all, it will come from our recognition of who we are, out of the awareness that our survival cannot come about by chance, but through our believing in ourselves, in our strength, and in the fact that we aren't destined to become like other nations.

Rather, the opposite is true: We will finally achieve our rest when other nations become like us. There is much ahead of us before

we get there, much work. Perhaps the work is not ours alone to complete, but there is this hope: There is less ahead than behind, and at least we are on the path.

The writer is a business planner who lives in Efrat

### burden of ruling another nation against its will. The more separation that can now be achieved between the two populations, and the two

economies, the better the chances for cooperation with equality and mutual self-respect in the future.

> The writer is professor of political science at the Hebrew University.

## POSTSCRIPT A UKRAINIAN newspaper's

satire on the trendiness of a ratfur coat has come back to bite it. In the western town of Cher-

novtsy, the local daily published a satirical story, marking the Chinese Year of the Rat. It said the town's fur shop was selling fashionable coats from rat pelts, and that the little furs were in big demand.

The store's owners were

stunned when many readers, taking the story seriously, brought in rat pelts in hopes of making some шопеу.

The owners posted an announcement on the door saying the pelts should be delivered instead to the newspaper, and it

complain their premises are chock-full of rat pelts."

# Beyond the security issue of the dependency syndrome. They - and those Israelis who

Two aspects of the debate over the closure of the territories need serious consideration.

The first concerns terminology - but its implications go much deeper than that.

The word closure is a misnomer. Israel could impose a closure on the West Bank and Gaza as long as these areas were under its military rule. But in the wake of the Oslo agreements, it has become clear that the territories now under the inrisdiction of the Palestinian Authority have a different status. Even though Israel retains overall security responsibility in a number of ways, these ter-

ritories are no longer part of Israeli space. When we refer to "closure" today, therefore, what we are really talking about is the nature of the border between Israel and the areas under the Palestinian Authority's control. And the issue isn't "closing off" territories under our military administration, it's what happens at

those border crossings. Like any sovereign nation, Israel has the right to determine the conditions of entry to and exit from its territory, according to security, political or econom-

ic considerations. Second and more important: The issues involved in Israel's policies regarding its border crossings should not be considered purely under the rubric of security. Even yesterday's bus bombing in Jerusalem should alert us to the fact that the issue

transcends security. The question goes to the heart of the nature of our relationship with the Palestinians.

Given so many decades of war and enmity, it is totally unrealistic to expect a swift transition to the kind of relations that exist among the Benelux countries. That is why any analogy with Western European countries is, for the moment, irrelevant.

The enormous economic gaps between Israel and the Palestinian territories make any attempt at economic integration equally meaningless - unless one is thinking in terms of a Bantustan emerging on

## SHLOMO AVINERI

Israel's doorstep.

Surely this is not the shape of peace and reconciliation. Nor is unemployment the cause of terrorism.

The Palestinians need economic development. But making them the hewers of wood and drawers of water for a developed, modern Israeli economy isn't the right way to go The more

separation between Israelis and Palestinians, the better the chance of cooperation

about it. It should be the responsibility of the Arab world, and of the Palestinian diaspora, to help the emerging Palestinian entity develop economically.

To put it bluntly: Despite the obvious interest of some Israeli employers in cheap, non-unionized Palestinian labor, there is no intrinsic Israeli interest in this. Nor does Israel owe the Palestinians a living.

So long as they were under Israeli occupation, we had that responsibility - but not any more. Once the Palestinians achieved self-rule, Israel's responsibility ceased.

This ought to be stated clearly and equivocally to Israeli employers, who parade their exploitative self-interest under the cloak of caring for unemployed Palestinians; and to Israeli, and other, civil rights advocates who are (justly) concerned about economic conditions in the territories. They need to be told that the address for their complaints is not Israel. Last but not least, it need to

## goes with self-rule. Their continuing gripes

be stated to the Palestinians

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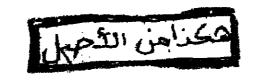
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Hamas isn't just a terror group; it supports a wide range of social services, like clinics and sports clubs and this kindergarten, in Gaza, where children in uniform are taught to pray.

# Terror Isn't Alone as a Threat to Mideast Peace

By SERGE SCHMEMANN

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**JERUSALEM** and Ashkelon last week served a savage reminder that the Israeli-Palestinian peace still has a

dangerous flaw called Hamas. To the furious Israelis, the fundamentalist Islamic movement is synonymous with a raw and indiscriminate terror that has to be ruthlessly destroyed if the peace is to survive. When Yasir Arafat called Shimon Peres after the bombings to offer condolences, the Israeli Prime Minister reportedly exploded into the phone: "Don't tell me you're doing enough! Finish with the Hamas infrastructure! Arrests here, arrests there,

To which the Arabic daily An-Nahar retorted in a frustrated and sarcastic editorial: "Peres is not asking for much from the Palestinian Authority — just destroy the infrastructure of Hamas, as if Hamas was a club that can be closed and dissolved in a moment... Hamas is a mass movement, and it will disappear only

when Israel stops its hostility toward us." The exchange framed a question fundamental to the attempts of the Israelis and Palestinians to shape a workable formula for coexistence: Just what is this force called Hamas, which can hold the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement hostage? Is it an irreconcilable enemy of peace that has to be destroyed, as the Israelis insist, or is it a political and social movement that cannot be crushed, but may be enticed to reject its

fanatic fringe, as the Palestinians maintain? There is no question that Hamas has done terrible things, that terror is an integral part of its mystique.

## Social Work and Force

But the "armed struggle" is only a small fraction of Hamas's activity. Inspired by the Islamic Brotherhoods in other Arab countries from which it got its start in 1987, Hamas — an Arabic acronym for Islamic Resistance Movement - is dedicated to the triumph of Islam through social work, politics, indoctrination and force. Unlike Islamic Holy War, a taut fundamentalist organization dedicated solely to "armed struggle." Hamas is a movement without a cohesive chain of command, making a crackdown all the more difficult. It is estimated to enjoy the direct support of about a quarter of the Palestinian population, and varying ... degrees of sympathy among many more.

The movement gained strength in Israeli-occupied areas alongside the uprising known as the "intifada." Since the signing of the first Palestinian-Israeli peace agreement in 1993, Hamas's military wing, the "Al-Oassam Brigades." has struck 14 times inside Israel, leaving 102 dead and hundreds wounded. Most victims have been Israelis but not all; some have been Arab workers in Israel and, in last week's attack, a young engaged couple from New Jersey and Connecticut. Most of the perpetrators, like the two young men responsible for last week's bombings, were Muslim

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## Home Improvement

# A 2,000-Mile Fence? First, Get Estimates.

By SAM HOWE VERHOVEK

F he is elected President of the United States, Patrick J. Buchanan vows, "I will stop this massive illegal immigration cold. Period. Paragraph."

Or, as he put it to a crowd in Waterloo, Iowa: "I'll build that security fence, and we'll close it, and we'll say, 'Listen José, you're not coming in!"

Leave aside that any fence, in itself, could only do so much to accomplish Mr. Buchanan's aim: half of all illegal immigrants come to this country legally but overstay their visas, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. And leave aside that even Mr. Buchanan. when pressed for details, says he is not really talking about building a fence or a wall across all 2,000 miles

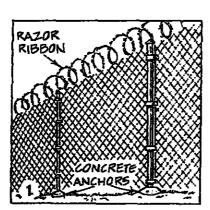
of the U.S.-Mexican border. But just how much would such a thing cost?

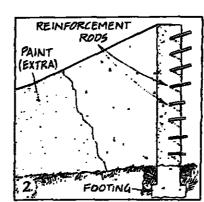
The answer is, anywhere from \$166.8 million to \$45.2 billion, a wild range that will make sense to anyone who has ever tried to pin down a home improvement contractor. These figures, gleaned from experts ranging from professors of civil engineering to industry representatives and salesmen vary for several reasons, including the cost of materials and of labor.

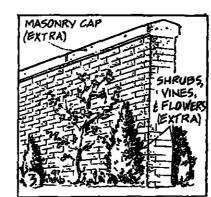
The on-the-cheap estimate is for a standard chain-link fence, using figures from the Chain Link Fence Manufacturers Association of America of Washington, D.C., and Atlas

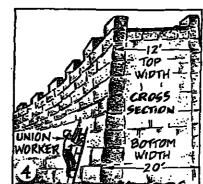
Fence Co. in Houston. "Let's see now," said Chris Cashore, Atlas's senior estimator, punching some numbers into his calculator. "You're talking 2,000 miles by 12 feet high, at our standard rate

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## Walls That Add Beauty and Security to Your Back Yard

Contractors in Houston and other building experts gave estimates for building various types of walls for the 2,000-mile border between the United States and Mexico. The contractors who supplyed price quotes do not necessarily think that building these walls would be a good idea.

(1) Chain-Link Fence

Atlas Fence Co. said that it could put up a standard 12-foot-high chain link fence for \$166.8 million. But this might be too easy to cut through, so Atlas recommended heavier 6-gauge wire and "razor ribbon" for the top. This would come to: \$251.9 mil.

A Serious Chain-Link Fence

Texas A & M University's civil engineering department suggested that prison-grade wire anchored in concrete would be even sturdier. Using the Means Building Construction Cost Data Manual, it comes up with: \$835.2 mil.

Electrifying the Fence Griffin Fence Co. could wire the

\$362 mil.

Houston Light & Power would, of course, only bill for actual watts used; if nobody touched the thing, there would be no additional charge.

(2) Basic Concrete Wall Texas A & M, using the Means

Building data, estimates that a

The most successful

wall designs meander over the landscape, like so: concrete wall 15 inches thick and 12 feet height would run you: \$1.4 bil.

Real Thick Concrete Wall Cliff's Concrete & Construction

recommends that the wall be 2 feet thick and 12 feet high. This is a bit pricier, at.

A Paint Job

M C.N Paint Contractors would prime and do two top coats of any single color for \$507.9 mll.

This quote would be for both sides of the wall; if we didn't worry about the neighbors' view, the price would be halved.

(3) Lovely Brick Wall The Brick Institute of America

figures that a shade over 855 million standard modular bricks would go into a wall 12 feet high and 3 5/8 inches thick. The bricks and labor would set you back:

\$45.2 bil.

## Landscaping

You wouldn't want your lovely brick wall to go unadorned. Teas Nursery Landscaping could put in starter shrubs and a flower bed about 3 feet deep for \$158.4 million. But if you also want climbing plants like ivy, you're talking: \$285.1 mil.

(4) The Great Wall of China

A concrete wall 25 feet high, 20 feet thick at the base, tapering to 12 feet thick at the top, according to Texas A & M, could be built for:

## **Odd Couple**

The Catholic church and the Catholic candidate.

By Peter Steinfels

Front Burner

Cuba isn't important anymore. Right?

By Larry Rohter

**Old Soldiers** 

Defeated dictators do not just fade away.

By Chris Hedges

# The Nation

# Church on Buchanan: Judgment Day Is Near

By PETER STEINFELS

ROBABLY not many voters, or even many Presidential primary junkies, know the religious affiliation of Senator Bob Dole (Methodist) or Lamar Alexander (Presbyterian) or Steve Forbes (Episcopalian). But it has been hard to avoid knowing that Patrick J. Buchanan is Roman

In his autobiography, "Right From the Beginning," and other statements, Mr. Buchanan has made his Catholic upbringing and adult religious faith an integral part of his crusading public persona. In news coverage, Mr. Buchanan's character and convictions are typically explained in terms of parochial school discipline, Sunday sermons and moral dogmatism. More darkly, his style has been compared to that of the Rev. Charles Coughlin, the 1930's radio priest whose populist economics eventually turned anti-Semitic.

Mr. Buchanan is part of "a Catholic tradition," said Newsweek that includes Father Coughlin and Senator Joseph McCarthy. "Christian soldier: trained by Jesuits," the magazine declared in a photo caption, "Buchanan revels in certitude."

This frequent identification of Mr. Buchanan with Catholicism is beginning to trouble many Roman Cath-

The Catholic Church hierarchy is happy about Buchanan's opposition to abortion, but little else. For now, criticism is muted.

olics. Some see in it a revival of anti-Catholic stereotypes. Others are worried about something else: that Mr. Buchanan's positions, even where accurately portrayed, will be confused with those of the church.

"With the exception of abortion," said an editorial in The Tidings, the weekly newspaper of the Catholic archdiocese of Los Angeles, "the U.S. Catholic hierarchy and Buchanan are at odds on just about every issue that the bishops have said has serious moral and ethical consequences. Welfare reform, education, immigration, health care and affirmative action are just a few of the hot-button issues where both sides have little or no common ground at present."

A Buchanan Presidency, The Tidings surmised, would almost certainly result in "a constant series of high-profile clashes" with the nation's Catholic bishops. The paper's editorials are the work eftian editorial board and not necessarily the views of Roger Cardinal Mahony of Los Angeles, but they undoubtedly reflect the Cardinal's dedication to protecting the church's large and growing Hispanic membership, which generally objects to Mr. Buchanan's proposals to restrict

Some Catholics may view the identification of Mr. Buchanan as a Catholic as a faint replay of the attacks on John F. Kennedy as a politician beholden to the Pope, but others, like The Tidings editors, think that such nativist fears are no longer the issue. For them, the better parallel might be John Cardinal O'Connor's 1984 run-in with Geraldine Ferraro, the Catholic Democratic Vice Presidential nominee, over the candidate's advocacy of abortion rights. The New York prelate felt that Ms. Ferraro was, as the The Tidings said of Mr. Buchanan, sowing "seeds of confusion among Catholics over who legitimately speaks for the Catholic Church."

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### Little Alarm, so Far

It is hard to guess the extent of such misgivings among Catholic bishops themselves, who almost always keep silent about particular candidates (the Ferraro case was exceptional) and signal their preferences, if at all, only late in a campaign and by way of gestures like photo opportunities. Certainly the misgivings exist on the next level of church officials, both priests and laity, although falling considerably short of The Tidings' level of alarm.

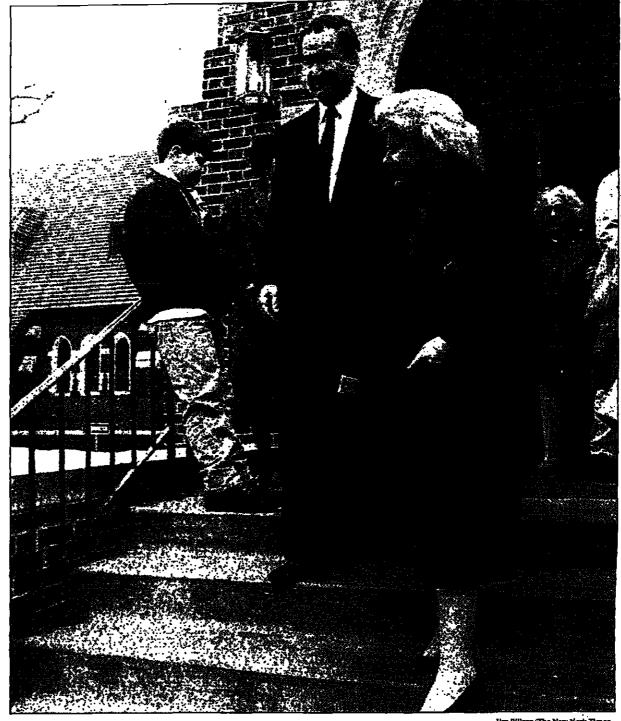
The Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, a former adviser to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and now a professor at Harvard and pastor in Cambridge, Mass., says that in talking to church groups across the country, he has encountered very little anxiety over the Buchanan candidacy's import for the church. Father Hehir described the prevailing attitude as, "It's not time to get worried yet and why create unnecessary fissures in church ranks?'

One bishop with that wait-and-see attitude is Bishop James T. McHugh of Camden, N.J. "We're not going to get into a position of fostering or opposing anyone, he said, but he nonetheless seemed ready to give Mr. Buchanan the benefit of the doubt.

He said "Catholic pro-lifers are happy" about Mr. Buchanan's staunch opposition to abortion, but his call for tough curbs on immigration was "at variance with the way the church has spoken" and his tone disturbing to many Catholics. Bishop McHugh added, however, that the candidate "has the time and opportunity to refine these things."

Catholics account for about one in four voters in a Presidential election. Their reaction to the Buchanan phenomenon is complicated, because some of them feel that charges of bigotry against Mr. Buchanan are themselves evidence of another brand of bigotry. William A. Dogohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, complained last week of 'Catholic baiting." He said that charges that Mr. Buchanan is racist or anti-Semitic are frequently accompanied by references to traditional Catholicism and stereotype-laden phrases like "Jesuit training."

Many Catholics, both liberal and conservative, were particularly incensed at a recent biographical report on ABC's "Nightline" about Mr. Buchanan, which said his father had been a regular listener to the anti-Semitic broadcasts of Father Coughlin. Ted Koppel, the anchor of "Nightline," last week apologized for reporting that detail, saying it had appeared in several publications but that the program had failed to confirm



Right from the pulpit? Patrick J. Buchanan and his wife, Shelley, leave mass in Des Moines last month.

Bay Buchanan, the candidate's sister and manager of his Presidential campaign, in a news conference last week assailed the ABC report on her brother as "lies," calling Mr. Koppel an "anti-Catholic bigot" and denying that her father listened to the Coughlin broadcasts. Mr. Koppel said her charges were "hysterical" as well as "repugnant, unfair and absolutely untrue."

### **Negativity Faulted**

A different issue was raised by George Weigel, head of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, a neoconservative research group. He said the Catholic church views politics as a positive human endeavor, "as an arena of creativity and intellectual and moral dialogue. Pat's campaign is not about dialogue but about we're going to beat these guys."

As for abortion, "it is impressive that Buchanan is unapologetically and unambiguously pro-life, but I would be concerned about how the tone of the rest of his campaign affects this." he said.

"Does it make it more difficult for that message to be engaged by a broad range of people?" he asked.

By contrast, neither Bishop McHugh nor Greg Erlandson, editor of Our Sunday Visitor, a popular national Catholic weekly newspaper published in Indiana, thought that making Mr. Buchanan the standard bearer for the anti-abortion movement could do it

"He's forcing other Republican candidates to raise their voices on that issue," Mr. Erlandson said. "His campaign shows the force that pro-choice Republicans will have to deal with if they try to remove the party's anti-abortion plank from the platform." ...

But Mr. Erlandson said abortion is the only issue on which the Catholic leadership is comfortable with the Buchanan candidacy. If he draws high percentages of Catholic votes in later primaries, Mr. Erlandson said, it may well reveal a yawning gap between Catholic voters and the church's leadership rather than a convergence

## Compromising Positions

# I Promised Me a Rose Garden

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

WASHINGTON ■IRED of professional politicians? Let's have a citizens' Congress that meets only half the year, at half today's pay, and stays home the rest of the time. Think the tax system is too complicat-

ed? Scrap the graduated income tax and impose a flat tax. Too many illegal immigrants? Build a

wall on the Mexican border. Sick of supporting lazy burns on wel-

fare? Force people off public relief after a few years and make them work. These are some of the impossibly simple solutions the Republican candidates for

maddeningly complicated problems. Cure alls are standard fare in American Presidential campaigns. Real solutions to serious problems almost always involve unpleasant tradeoffs. The budget cannot be balanced, for example, without raising taxes or trimming Medicare and other

President are offering this year to correct

popular benefits. "So in a campaign," said Thomas E. Mann, director of Government studies at the Brookings Institution, "you accentuate the positive. If you laid out the complexity, you would have to make the costs explicit,

and no one wants to do that." Once in office, Presidents sometimes



abandon the quick fixes as impractical.

George Bush dropped the idea of imposing what he called a flexible freeze in Government spending. Bill Clinton never followed up on his campaign promise to eliminate tax breaks for American companies that shut down American plants and then ship jobs overseas. (What companles? What tax breaks? What jobs? Mr.

Clinton never said exactly.)
But often Presidents do try to implement their simple solutions, only to find that the problems are more complicated than they imagined.

In the 1992 campaign, when Mr. Clinton



proposed affordable health insurance coverage for all Americans through local networks of insurers, hospitals and doctors, the idea sounded ever so workable. When he finally submitted a plan along those lines after he became President, though, it was so thick and cumbersome that it died of its own weight. .

This year's campaign may set a record for facue ideas.

"There does seem to be an uncommon degree of goofiness in some of their proposals," said Donald F. Kettl, a political science professor at the University of Wis-

Lamar Alexander would abolish Federal welfare and food stamp programs and turn the money over to neighborhood charities to distribute it to the poor.

Never mind that the directors of such charities say they are not equipped to handle the task. Imagine the brawl when churches, mosques, homeless shelters, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, drug-treatment clinics, the Red Cross, day-care centers and other local charities begin competing for the relief pie.

Mr. Alexander's most intriguingly simple idea may be his proposal for a citizens' Congress. Exactly how he intends to bring this about is not clear. And what kind of part-time jobs could lawmakers take when they were not in Washington? Could they run a business, or teach or maintain a medical or dental practice? Probably not, since those jobs normally require full-time attention. Maybe members of Congress

could be lobbyists in their off hours. Steve Forbes's proposal for a flat tax also sounds good politically. (The other three main candidates thought so too. In their debate in South Carolina last week, they all embraced a flat tax to one degree or another.) But it only sounds good until

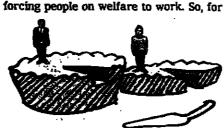
the details are parsed. Granted, the current tax system is a nightmare for many individuals and most companies. By some estimates, it costs Americans more than \$100 billion a year in accountant fees and administrative expenses to comply with the law.

But here's the rub: The single tax rate Mr. Forbes proposes (17 percent on corporate profits and on wages and salaries after exempting \$13,000 for each adult and \$5,000 for each child) would cost the Government \$200 billion a year in lost revenue, according to economists using conventional forecasting methods.

For a flat-tax to raise as much money as the current tax system, the rate would have to be so high and the exemptions so low that most middle-income families would face a tax increase. That's the last thing Republican candidates want to en-

Another idea that may not have been completely thought through is Patrick J. Buchanan's proposal to build a wall along the Mexican border. For one thing, half the illegal aliens in this country entered legally, but overstayed their visas.

The candidates also back the idea of



that matter, does President Clinton. The problem is that it costs more to provide the child-care, job-training and other services necessary to get these people into jobs than it does just to give them cash. And the Republican candidates want to cut Government spending on the poor.

Another matter on which the Republicans agree is the Department of Education. They all want to abolish it. They see it as a symbol of Washington bureaucracy and intrusion into local affairs.

But they certainly don't want to scrap the Department's popular programs student loans, aid to elementary and secondary schools, Head Start and the like. These programs, presumably, would be turned over to the Department of Health and Ruman Services.

That would create a peculiar twist, Remember, it used to be called the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Then in 1977, President Jimmy Carter separated out the education activities in their own separate Department.

He did it to fulfill a campaign promise.

# Home Improvement: A Formidable Border

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of \$15.80 per linear foot." (No offer was made of any volume discount.) "That'd be \$166,848,000," said Mr. Ca-

love to have that job." Southwestern Fence Co. ("No job too small or large," says the ad in the phone book) offered a strikingly similar estimate, but advised there were no guarantees that such a fence could not be cut or

shore, letting out a low whistle, "Man, I'd

torched through. A thicker, stronger steel fence would run upwards of \$835 million. At the other end of the price range, the \$45.2 billion estimate is for the only kind of barrier that some experts said might work: an exact duplication of the Great Wall of China, 25 feet high and 20 feet deep

at its base, tapering to 12 feet up top.

## A Prototype Exists

Walter W. Boles, a civil engineering professor at Texas A & M University, calculated the price using the 1996 edition of an industry bible known as the Means Building Construction Cost Data Manual.

"It's pretty simple to give you an esti-mate," said the professor. The Great Wall job would require 180 million cubic yards of concrete, and the industry standard, factoring in prevailing union wage rates, is \$250 per cubic yard. Result: \$45.2 billion.

The wall would be longer than China's 1,500-mile prototype. (The Great Wall was assembled over hundreds of years; in this country, legal wrangling over the environmental impact statements alone might take that long before concrete was poured.) It would dwarf any construction project envisioned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, making President Buchanan more of a New Dealer, in one sense, than

Of course, Mr. Buchanan, who is running as a fiscal conservative, could save the American taxpayer at least \$18.3 billion on this New Great Wall by doing what many contractors do: hire illegal immigrants from Mexico at \$1.25 an hour, less than one-twelfth the union rate.

Or he could privatize the job. But companies that might truly have the resources to do the work - behemoths like the Bechtel Group and Brown & Root - said it was impossible to provide estimates.

"There are fences and there are fences," said a Bechtel spokesman. Besides, he added, the company might not even bid on the a project: "We're pro-Nafta."

The only institution with any experience building fences along the border, the Federal immigration service, said there was no way to estimate the cost of a barrier from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean. "There are just too many variables," said a spokesman. The agency already has about 316 miles of various kinds of fences along the border, including 281 miles in the Arizona desert.

## Pyramid Scam

If there are no official price quotes available from Washington, there's always the Yellow Pages.

At Cliff's Concrete & Construction (where the receptionist said: "You want to build a what? Hold on a minute, darling, let me get you an estimator") the bid came in at \$2.4 billion for a high-grade,

two-foot thick concrete wall. But such a wall would not be insur-mountable. "If you get three or four guys, they can build a little pyramid and get one guy up top," said William T. Cannady, a professor of architecture at Rice University. "Then this one guy throws down a rope and bingo, everybody's over."

Closing Ranks

There are esthetic considerations too. At the Brick Institute of America, Mark Nunn, the trade group's senior building codes engineer, said that a very attractive, 2,000-mile-long, 12-foot-high brick wall, would go for around \$1.9 billion. Said another institute official: "Hmmm, we may just have to start backing Buchanan."

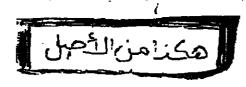
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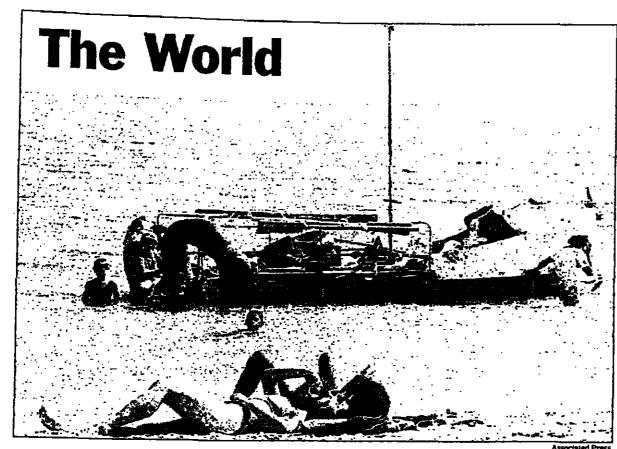
Extras would cost more. Representative Duncan Hunter, a Southern California Republican, has proposed a "multiple barrier system consisting of three fences with patrol roads in the zones between fences" on parts of the California border. Triple that earlier estimate on the fence.

And there's another important consideration: those pesky Canadians. Why not a northern version on the fence?

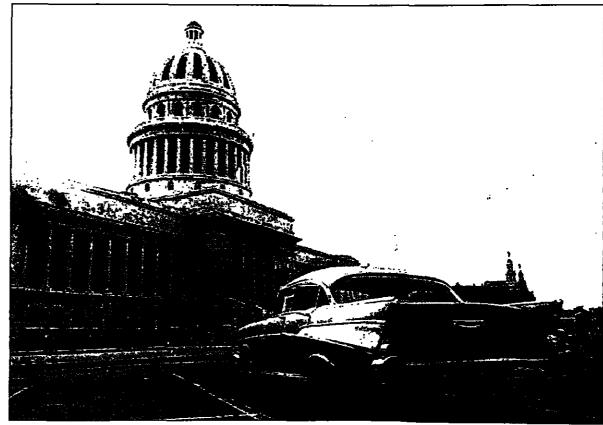
The question of cost was put to Charlie Barziza, vice president of Dave Barziza Contractor (and Dave's cousin) in Houston. The U.S.-Canada border is almost exactly twice the size of the U.S.-Mexico

"Now," he said, "you're getting into some real money."





With the economy reeling, rafters leaving Cuba pass sunbathers on a beach outside Havana in 1994.



Stagnation is evident in a 1957 Chevrolet in front of the former Cuban Capitol last year.

# What Castro Still Needs Is a Good Fight

By LARRY ROHTER

HAVANA ITIL last weekend, it was tempting to think that Fidel Castro mattered less to the United States than at any time since his seizure of power 37 years ago. Ever since Bill Clinton took office, Washington has viewed Mr. Castro as a noxious irritant, to be sure, but mostly it has tried to ignore him. Yet somehow Mr. Castro - and the exiles in Miami who so despise him — manage periodically to keep drawing America's attention back to their family feud.

Since Cuba no longer underwrites revolutionary movements in Latin America (not that it could afford to) and, with the cold war over, no longer serves as a Soviet beachhead, it poses no real threat to American strategic interests, or so the Clinton Administration believes. But that is hardly the point.

Just as the exiles regularly need to remind Mr. Castro that they do not intend to give up their struggle, so does he feel compelled to demonstrate to his people that Cuba and its floundering revolution still have enemies that only he can protect them from. No wonder the United States gets caught in the middle.

Before he became a Communist, after all, Fidel Castro was already a nationalist, and during his long history as the principal adversary of the United States in Latin America, he has often found it more advantageous to invoke the legacy of the Cuban nationalist José Marti than that of Karl Marx. Last week was clearly one of those occasions; it began with Cuban Air Force jets shooting down two unarmed civilian planes over the Straits of Florida and ended yesterday with United States Coast Guard vessels protecting an exile flotilla just off Cuba's coast (and assuring they staged no

Viewed from outside, this latest confrontation with United States appears to produce little for Mr. Castro. The slight lessening of tensions in relations with the Clinton Administration that had been achieved has now evaporated, replaced by the reinforcement of

existing American economic sanctions and the prospect of other, harsher measures.

But none of that reflects Mr. Castro's real priority, which is keeping his regime in power during its longest and most severe crisis. At home, the events of the last week have allowed him to portray himself as a patriot, standing up for "our little country" against the bullying of a much-larger neighbor to the north that, Cubans have been led to believe, has always coveted Cuba's territory and resources, while sheltering and encouraging traitors to the Fatherland.

### Boxed In

In a sense, Mr. Castro has had no other choice than to pursue that strategy. Since the collapse of the Soviet bloc in 1989, he has seen most of the basic pillars of the Socialist system here deteriorate or, in some cases, vanish altogether. Health and education have eroded, several other basic services are no longer offered free of charge, prostitution has re-emerged and the dollar has become the country's second currency. Worst of all, from Mr. Castro's point of view, has been the experimentation, however timid, with economic policies that reward individual initiative and undermine Socialist egalitarianism.

Mr. Castro has complained of having to implement even those modest reforms, knowing they will lead to a loss of the state control and authority he views as essential. And though he has lately become enamored of China's method of combining economic reform with political repression, he has proven less flexible on most issues than his counterparts in Beijing. They welcome investment from Taiwan, for instance.

Mr. Castro still excoriates "that mafia in Miami," presumably including his sister Juana, his daughter Alina Revuelta and a nephew by marriage, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, who is a Republican Congressman from Florida. The Chinese now preach the gospel that "becoming rich is good," while Cuba's leader appears to still regard it as a sin — or at least as a crime and a betraval of principle.

"Yes, we have legalized robbery," he lamented in a speech to the National Assembly on Dec. 26 that urged the imposition of an income tax, "or at least a certain type of thievery that is produced on the black market here and there, done in one way or another. We have had to adapt ourselves to realities."

Under those circumstances, Mr. Castro has little to hold on to, or to justify his continued rule, than the nationalist card he has always played whenever he felt himself in trouble. Wrapping himself in the Cuban flag and pointing his finger at Washington enables Mr. Castro to paint anyone opposed to him, including both the 1.5 million Cuban exiles in the United States and the 130 dissident and human rights groups here that have recently come together in an umbrella coalition called Concilio Cubano, as nothing more than agents of sinister American interests.

Mr. Castro's objective is to "divert attention from the generalized internal crisis to the terrain of bilateral relations," Elizardo Sánchez Santa Cruz, one of Cuba's leading dissidents, said. "He wants to continue exaggerating the image of the external enemy which has been vital for the Cuban Government during decades, an external enemy which can be blamed for the failure of the totalitarian model implanted here."

### **History Lessons**

The history of the relationship between the United States and Cuba is such that the Cuban leader has plenty to draw on when he needs to inflame his country's 11 million people. During his own administration, Mr. Castro can list, among other things, the Bay of Pigs and various assassination attempts against him, all of which are recounted at the popular Museum of the Revolution here, with 'its 'cretins' corner' devoted to Ronald Reagan. Earlier, there were the expansionist impulses that led to the Spanish-American War and to the Platt Amendment of 1902, which granted Washington "the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence."

Indeed, the Cuban Government has been quick to

evoke that past in the current confrontation. Whether mere coincidence or something more, the attack on the Brothers to the Rescue airplanes occurred on the 101st anniversary of "El Grito de Baires," José Martí's call to arms that launched Cuba's war of independence against Spain. And when Juan Pablo Roque, a former Brothers to the Rescue pilot who now appears to have been a Cuban infiltrator, was asked during television interviews here about his reasons for returning from the United States, he cited Marti's famous phrase about living in "the belly of the beast."

### **Letting It Simmer**

For its part, the Clinton Administration has been content to let the Cuban situation simmer, fending off at the same time leaders of the exile movement who are pushing for a final reckoning and businessmen who are very eager to begin trading again with Havana: The political repercussions in Florida have always seemed too large a risk. In fact, once the raft crisis of August 1994 was resolved, with an immigration agreement that ended a 30-year-old American policy that regarded all Cubans fleeing the island as political refugees, the Administration had hoped Cuba would remain on the back burner until Mr. Clinton's second term.

Mr. Castro, however, operates on a very different timetable than the nine American Presidents he has squared off with, and once again has forced Mr. Clinton to deal with Cuba on his terms.

So now, Mr. Clinton finds himself at a loss for what to do next. The legal enactment of the American economic embargo - one of the steps that a punitive bill now before Congress would take - would tie the President's hands in the future and make it hard for him to pursue any kind of detente without the approval

It would also make it much easier for Mr. Castro to unufacture another crisis the next time he thinks his political and economic problems are getting out of hand - which may well be what the Cuban leader and those closest to him have had in mind all along.

Karadzic and Hussein, Survivors

# Bosnia and Iraq: The West Repeats Itself

By CHRIS HEDGES

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N the ground in Bosnia, NATO commanders are slowly learning a lesson that might have been driven home to them in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf war: Sometimes, it is not enough to humiliate a dictator before his people. If you want him out of office, you may have to do the job yourself.

Saddam Hussein's story is familiar enough. Although he ran a police state, lost a war and was roundly detested by his subjects, the West shrank from supporting a rebellion against him, and he survived in power. Five years later, he is as entrenched as ever.

## **Closing Ranks**

Today, something similar is happening in the Serb part of Bosnia. Just as Mr. Hussein's inner circle closed ranks in the months following the gulf war, so the Bosnian Serb commanders and political leaders have banded together with their leader, Radovan Karadzic, and their commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, as these two cling to power, no matter that they are under United Nations

indictment as war criminals. Ousting these Bosnian Serb leaders was never a declared aim of American policy, just as ousting Saddam Hussem was never a declared aim of policy in the gulf war. But there was a quiet assumption in both cases: that the people around these leaders, stung by their humiliation, would oust them and thus deliver to America a more malleable

government to work with. Indeed, much of American planning for a withdrawal from Bosnia nine months from now rests on the idea that the Bosnian Government will have more reasonable Serb leaders to deal with.

But that hardly seems likely now. The problem is that NATO is un-

willing to risk an open confrontation with Mr. Karadzic and General Mladic by pursuing them to arrest them. And this reluctance - like the unwillingness to press on to Baghdad and oust President Hussein - may prove the undoing of all the hopes of getting rid of these leaders.

As time passes, and Mr. Karadzic and Mr. Mladic show they can still cling to power, their credibility rises in the eyes of their own people, and NATO's credibility wanes. They gain power rather than lose it. And NATO at once is exposed for lacking the political will to contest the Bosnian Serbs and for wanting to achieve policy goals on the cheap.

So the failure to state their goals up front, and then work openly for them, is in fact producing, as it did in the Gulf, precisely the result that Washington does not want.

The longer these men remain in charge, the more erosion there is in the perception of NATO's power, and the implicit threat of coercion that is vital if the 60,000-strong force it is

leading is to keep the peace. From the beginning, the NATO-led troops have said they would arrest war criminals if they came across them, but would not pursue them because that was not their prime mission. But the notion that the NATO commanders are handing out pictures of General Mladic and Mr. Karadzic to their troops in case they bump into them, when both can be found by anyone willing to drive to the Serb stronghold of Pale, only makes NATO look ridiculous to the Serbs on whom it was counting to send the leaders packing.

## Here I Am, Guys

So Mr. Mladic and Mr. Karadzic, as the weeks pass, grow bolder in their public displays of power. Indeed, even as the European High Representative Carl Bilt was meeting with other Bosnian Serb political leaders in the Serb-held city of Banja Luka last Tuesday, Mr. Karadzic



Bosnian Serbs rally with a picture of Gen. Ratko Mladic last November.

municipal building, ignoring the presence outside of heavily armed British soldiers from the NATO force, which is known as IFOR.

The whole process is being ruined," said Mahir Hadziahmetovic, the head of Bosnia's mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, in Vienna. "Karadzic wanders about freely while official papers are handed to the IFOR troops authorizing his arrest. IFOR is behaving more and more like the United Nations Protection Force. The refusal by IFOR to implement the rule of law in Bosnia, including the international law that calls for the arrest of war criminals, is destroying its credibility."

Bosnian Serb underlings, with whom Western officials do agree to meet, remain fiercely loyal to the old leaders at least in part because opposition Serbs have neither the guns nor the open support with which to challenge the leadership. And the Bosnian Serbs, however much they have lost confidence in their leaders, know that any challenge to them will bring bloodshed.

In one sense, the assumption that Mr. Karadzic, like Mr. Hussein, would somehow vanish, is a result less of wishful thinking than of a decline of American power and of unity among its allies. The gulf war coalition, too, included Arabs who feared the breakup of Iraq more than they feared the continuation in power of Mr. Hussein, so the coalition had neither the unity nor the political will to send its forces into Baghdad to get rid of him. Similarly, in Bosnia, the United States is ailied with European countries that are skittish about leaving the Muslims too strong in Bosnia, and it is also hamstrung by the American public's clear unwillingness to make a long commitment that could include heavy casualties. And it remembers how efforts to arrest a warlord in Somalia cost 18 American lives and failed anyway, destroying support for the mission. Thus the fear of 'mission creep," and the unwillingness to seek out Mr. Karadzic and General Mladic so they can be arrested and sent off to The Hague for

Indeed, NATO commanders say that hauling in Mr. Karadzic and Mr. Mladic would plunge them into a confrontation with the Bosnian Serbs, which could trigger a prolonged, low-level conflict that could jeopardize the mission.

So in Iraq, the American-led coalition took on the job of liberating Kuwait, but no more. And in Bosnia, the NATO-led force has taken on the job of separating warring factions, but no more. Presidents Bush and Clinton both presented this approach as measured, sober, appropriate and prudent. But the approach has been read differently by the people who might have challenged their leaders. To these people, whether Serbs or Iraqis, the approach has seemed merely timid. And in both cases, the effort to limit bloodshed has had the effect of prolonging the rule of leaders who started the conflicts in the first place - and may restart them.

## Second Chances

Actually, the Serb leaders may well give NATO new chances to show resolve. Mr. Karadzic, according to the peace agreement reached in Dayton, Ohio, is not permitted to run for office in the elections scheduled for this fall. But he says he will if his party nominates him - something that seems likely. NATO may have to face that issue then.

Similarly, General Mladic has been angered by the detention of two of his senior officers in The Hague. and there are reports that he has called on his soldiers to kidnap American troops. Again, this could mean a confrontation.

But for now, at least, the West isn't doing the job of ousting the Serb leaders, although it would clearly be delighted if someone within Serbheld Bosnia would do the job for it. As in Iraq, the West may have to

wait a long time.

# Coal Tries for a Comeback

By JACQUES STEINBERG

St. NICHOLAS VILLAGE, Pa. TANDING against the side of a sootstreaked mountain, the cluster of rickety wooden buildings that comprise the Blaschak family coal company look as if time passed them by decades

So it's surprising to learn that a stream of trucks has begun to roll, once again, through the Pennsylvania countryside here, about 50

miles northwest of Allentown. But instead of bearing tons of loose coal destined for nearby steel mills and American military bases overseas — once the 59year-old Blaschak Coal Corporation's bread and butter - these trucks are headed for suburban stove shops and lawn and garden centers from New Mexico to northern

And the coal is packaged in easy-to-tote, white plastic bags, small enough to fit in a car trunk but big enough to keep a living

### **Cheap Heating**

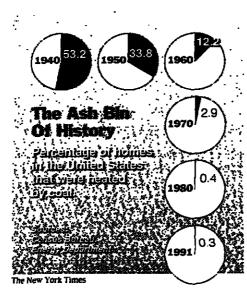
More than a half century after Americans began trading in their coal shovels for the convenience and efficiency of oil and gas, a group of coal producers and stove manufacturers are trying to persuade homeowners to take a fresh look at a fossil fuel dismissed

long ago as filthy and cumbersome. But in trying to market coal as a cheaper alternative to oil and gas, and a cleaner choice than wood, the companies face hurdles: from an environmental lobby that did not exist in 1950, when more than a third of American homes still burned coal, to a collective belief, seared in the memories of many people over 40, that stoking a coal fire

The grade of coal that companies like Blaschak and the nearby Harman Stove Company are pushing for home heating is anthracite, or hard coal, not bituminous coal, its softer, smokier, better-known cousin. Bituminous coal continues to stoke power plants around the country, mostly because of its availability in huge quantities. Anthracite, which is mined almost exclusively in

northeastern Pennsylvania, costs a bit more but burns more cleanly than the bituminous variety, giving off none of the smoke, smell or dust that make most grades of bituminous coal impractical for home use.

The modern generation of anthracite coal stoves - which look a lot like pot-bellied wood stoves - are far more sophisticated than the great basement furnaces of old. Where once coal stoves required constant vigilance and shoveling, the new models, which can cost about \$2,000, are tethered to computerized thermostats and sometimes fed by automated hoppers, which can be loaded with up to 80 pounds of coal -- enough to heat several rooms, untended, for as many as three days. And the ashes are carted off, not in great cans as they once were, but in briefcase-size drawers that can



be emptied into the garbage. Proponents say that an anthracite stove provides a relatively inexpensive supplement to the oil or gas that might heat the rest of the house. To generate 1 million B.T.U.'s of energy, or enough to heat an average home for about a day, a homeowner could spend roughly \$4.97 on anthracite coal, \$5.97 on natural gas or \$5.69 on oil, said Harold Schobert, chairman of the fuel sci-

On a steady decline for decades, this fossil fuel is gaining a foothold in homes that want heat on the cheap.

ences program at Pennsylvania State University. Those figures may vary in different

A pound of coal stacks up well against an equal quantity of wood, its biggest competitor in the supplemental heating market, producing more than twice as much energy and fewer pollutants, Mr. Schobert said.

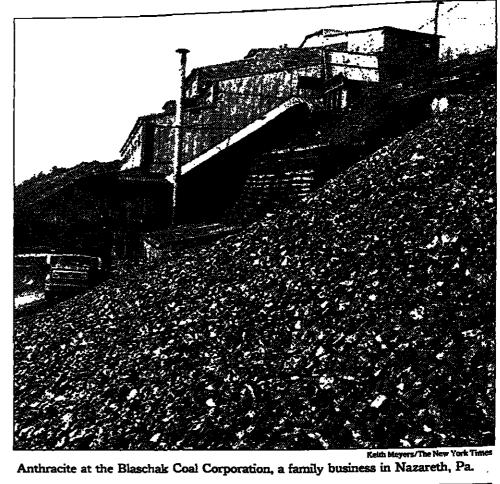
But environmentalists caution that while coal may be kinder to the air than burning logs, it poses a more dangerous environmental threat than either oil or gas. It produces numerous contaminants, including sulfur dioxide, which causes acid rain, and an array of microscopic metallic particulates, and in far greater quantities. That coal stoves are not regulated by the Clean Air Act is a function only of the small number in use - fewer than 300,000 homes nationwide heat with coal, Federal officials

"It sounds like a really bad idea to me," said Deborah Shprentz, an air pollution ex-pert at the Natural Resources Defense Council, a private environmental group,

"like heading back into the Dark Ages." Charles Daly, an auto technician, installed a coal stove in October to heat his three-bedroom farmhouse about 50 miles south of Buffalo. His fuel bills have been reduced by half during the past four months, he said. The major handicap, however, is bulk. When the winter is over, he will have used nearly a ton and a half, or sixty 50pound bags of Blaschak coal.

"Whenever my boys go down to the basement," he said, "they come back up with a bag of coal."

Coal never came in immaculate white packages in Dickens's London, or, for that



matter, in the American Northeast during the Depression. Then, dump trucks poured coal into the cellars of homes and apartment houses. While bituminous coal fueled railroads and factories in the Midwest, anthracite became the dominant home-heating fuel in the Northeast and Middle Atlantic states during the early decades of this cen-

### **Coming Full Circle**

Since 1950, the use of the fuel with a dirty reputation has steadily waned, supplanted by oil and, increasingly, gas, according to the United States Census bureau. In 1991, the last year for which Census figures are available, 0.3 percent of American homes, or about 280,000, were warmed by coal.

Still, there are glimmers of a revival. After slipping for six decades, the produc-tion of Pennsylvania anthracite rose to more than 8 million tons last year — nearly double the amount mined just three years earlier, and more than in any other year since 1970, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Driving that production, at least in part, is increased home demand, state officials said.

Stove makers say they are seeing the increase, too. The Harman Stove Company, which is based about 15 miles north of Harrisburg and accounts for perhaps half the national sales in the coal stove market, said it sold 3,000 stoves last year, 50 percent more than five years ago. And Keystone Manufacturing, in nearby Schuylkill, said it sold 1,400 coal stoves last year, double the number in 1990.

Although environmentalists worry that the new demand will only serve to inflict more scars on the pock-marked Appalachian mountains in Pennsylvania, Daniel R. Blaschak, 38, the company treasurer who represents the third generation of his family to mine coal here, said his company has grown more respectful of its surroundings. He said that as it continues to dig deeper for coal, it is sealing the open tunnels his ancestors drilled - which have long polluted nearby rivers when it rains - and has started to replant the bald surfaces of old mines with grass.

"It is back around full circle," he said, a line of white bags of coal chattering down an assembly line behind bim, "applying modern technology to what we had in the begin-

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# Terror Isn't Alone In Fighting Peace

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zealots prepared to sacrifice their own lives for promises of paradise, glory and family support. The tens of turned out for the funeral of Yahya Ayyash, an organizer of bomb attacks known as "the Engineer" who was killed on Jan. 5 by a boobytrapped cellular phone, bore testimony to the powerful aura that the struggle against Israel still holds among Palestinians.

## **Split Leadership**

But experts think the military wing operates separately from the political leadership, and that the latter is split into at least three broad directions: moderates in the Gaza Strip who are hoping to participate in the new Palestinian politics; West Bank leaders still testing their strength since the Israeli withdrawal; and hard-core leaders in exile

who reject Mr. Arafat and his peace. The diffusion of the leadership was displayed last week when political and armed branches of Hamas in Gaza disavowed responsibility for the bombings and jointly offered to stop attacks if Israel stopped hunting Hamas leaders and released Hamas prisoners from its jails. (Israel refused to respond, saying it negotiates only with Mr. Arafat's Palestinian Authority.)

The real source of Harnas's authority among Palestinians is not the mystique of the "armed struggle." but the broad range of social services it developed under Israeli occupation. Typically, a poor Palestinian family in the West Bank might send a child to a Hamas school on a Hamas bus, use a low-cost Hamas clinic, play soccer at a Hamas sports club, and, if really needy, get a ration of Hamas rice. Then, in the mosques, the imams are likely to spread the Hamas message against "Zionism" and Western decadence.

A senior Israeli military officer who studies Hamas said in a briefing last week that 95 percent of the \$60 million to \$70 million that the movement raises annually goes for "civilian" activities, compared to only 5 percent for the "armed struggle." He said 85 percent of the money comes from abroad, much of it from gulf states and the United States; 15 percent is collected internally.

The best way to choke off Hamas. the officer said, would be to choke off its funds. But he acknowledged that most of the money came as legal contributions to charitable causes. 'We don't have any ideas how to deal with this problem," he said.

Mr. Arafat's basic strategy has

the Hamas leadership by wooing the moderates, and to supplant its social programs with government services. The Palestinians argue that Gaza, which has been under Mr. thousands of Palestinians who Arafat's control for two years, has demonstrated the effectiveness of the approach. By all accounts, the popularity of Hamas there has been waning. Local Hamas leaders have been at the forefront of efforts to mediate a truce with exile leaders, and in the Palestinian elections in January, 88 percent of the population cast ballots in defiance of Hamas's refusal to participate.

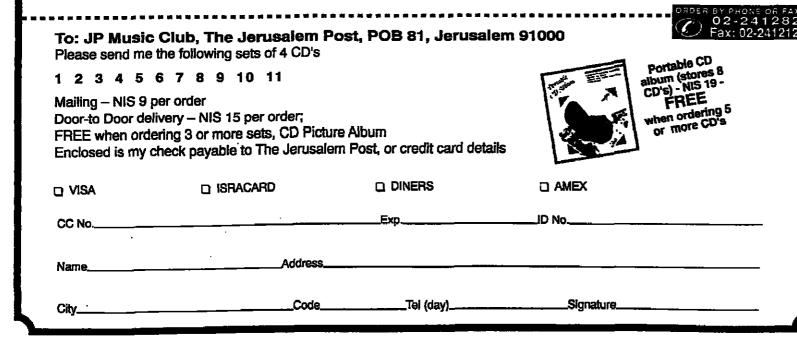
The Palestinians further note that there were no terror attacks for four months, until Mr. Ayyash was assassinated Jan. 5. Israel did not admit to the deed, but nobody has much doubt that it was the work of Israeli intelligence. Afterward Israel braced for retaliation; and leaflets sent out after last weekend's attacks said they were by "cells of the martyr Engineer Ayyash" - not the Qassam Brigades or Hamas.

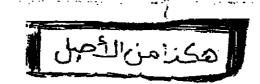
in the past week, almost no Israeli commentator or politician has focused on the Ayyash connection. In the Israeli view, the terror predates the Ayyash killing, and since the bombings the only debate has been how much tougher to get with the Palestinians. "The main point is this," wrote Zeev Schiff, military analyst for the daily Haaretz, "under no circumstances should a message be sent to Hamas and its followers that Israel stands helpless before

## **Arafat Under Pressure**

Under Israeli pressure, Mr. Arafat ordered a roundup of more than 200 Islamic militants. But he also made clear he is not about to go after what Mr. Peres called the Hamas "infrastructure." Even if he were willing to do so, it is not clear he could, given that he has been in charge of West Bank cities for only a few weeks. Palestinian commentators noted that Israel itself failed to curb Hamas in all its years of occupation, and that the two suicide bombers last week came from Hebron - a city still under Israeli control.

All this points to the fact that whether they view Hamas as a terrorist or a political organization, Israel and the Palestinian Authority have no choice but to work together. If Hamas terrorists are allowed to attack again, Mr. Arafat could find himself confronting a far less sympathetic Israeli government, while if Israel pushes him t into a corner, Hamas will only gain strength. The challenge is to curb the militants now, and thus speed a peace that been to focus on the differences in could obviate the need for a Hamas.







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By BARNABY J. FEDER

MONMOUTH, IIL HIS spring, Joe Tusek and many of his fellow farmers here in western Illinois will plant soybean seeds fortified with a biological weapon borrowed from the petunia. The genetic alteration will enable the farmers to cut costs by dousing their crops with Roundup, a cheap but powerful Monsanto herbicide that would kill normal soybean plants along with the weeds.

Mr. Tusek, like thousands of other farmers across the United States, is volunteering as a foot soldier in a revolution more than two decades in the making. Since the mid-1970's when scientists discovered an easy way to make copies of the genes that control the shape and behavior of all living things and then how to move them among species - visionaries began predicting a new day in agriculture. Genetic engineering, as they called it, promised healthier food, more predictable harvests, fewer synthetic pesticides and more efficient use of water.

The results of the engineering, known as "transgenic" products, showed up first as niche items like tomatoes that arrive fresh at supermarkets and a bacterially produced version of an enzyme used in cheese production that previously had to be extracted from a call's stomach.

This spring, though, the gene-shifting technology will finally burst out of the nation's laboratories and test plots and into everyday farming of crops like corn, soybeans and cotton.

The commercial breakthroughs are coming after a long gestation period that pushed technology pioneers like Molecular Genet-

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'Sales for such products will be about \$2 billion by the year 2000, \$6 billion by 2005 and perhaps \$20 billion by 2010," said Simon Best, chief executive of Zeneca Plant Sciences and an agriculture spokesman for the Biotechnology industry Organization, a Washington trade group.

The products hitting the market this year will help farmers fight insects that attack corn and cotton as well as weeds that choke soybeans. Their success would be bad news, at least temporarily, for some makers of traditional pesticides, a \$25 billion market worldwide. But competitors who lose sales initially might find partial compensation in the long run: Manmade products that otherwise would lose their effectiveness might remain profitable for years longer because insects and weeds won't build up resistance to them as easily.

Leaders in the new technology are hard at work to expand their range to other crops, including rice and wheat. Moreover, genetically engineered products still in the pipeline should generate higher revenues for farmers instead of simply giving more business to companies with new products. Coming soon will be corn and sovbeans with higher oil or protein content to make them more valuable as animal feed, and colored cotton that will reduce the need for chemical

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pening now," said Jerry Caulder, chief executive of the Mycogen Corporation, a maker of biological pesticides in San Diego. Mycoen, like Ciba-Geigy, is marketing geneticaly altered corn seed.

Most of the changes this year will be less visible to consumers than highly publicized innovations like the Calgene Inc.'s Flav'r Say'r tomatoes that were designed to ripen more slowly and thus arrive fresher at the supermarket. But the spread of genetic engineering into big commodity crops is a bigger test of its potential to help feed a world that is expected to double its population over the next 40 years.

Experts say at least half of the acreage of the nation's major crops will be covered with plants harboring at least one foreign gene early in the next century. It would take only slight percentage gains in yields to justify the investments.

"It may be as important as the first plow for agriculture," said Rick McConnell, senfor vice president for research and product development at Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Des Moines, the nation's largest seed company.

There is no doubt that genetic engineering is having an enormous impact on the business of agriculture. Pioneer, for example, expects transgenic products to account for one-third to one-half of its seed lines by 2000. And Monsanto and most other big chemical and agricultural companies are increasing their exposure to biotechnology.

In this industry, experts like Mr. McConnell caution that it is hard to separate the impact of gene transfers from other advances like cloning, which allows scientists to make multiple copies of a single cell. Other powerful new technologies that are also converging on farming, like computer-ized mapping of soils and yields and the use of satellites to precisely position planters' sprayers and other equipment.

Still, it is clear that advances in transgenic technology have fueled a wave of corporate deal making, including marketing and research alliances, cross-investments and acquisitions. And new contractual relationships are reaching down to the family farm as the owners of new patents seek to protect their investments.

Take the Roundup-resistant soybeans. Mr. Tusek hopes his use of the seeds will reduce his reliance on costlier and more hazardous chemicals. He is so intrigued that he is swallowing his nervousness about a technology license required by the company complete with a \$5-a-bag "fee" that it charges separately from the seed price.

Under the agreement, farmers must promise not to sell or give away any seed or to save any for planting next year. They must also use Roundup, and allow inspections by Monsanto officials.

"When I read through the contract, I almost scared myself out of doing it," said Mr. Tusek, garnering sympathetic chuckles from several farmers seated near him at a sales meeting sponsored here by Monsanto and the Asgrow Seed Company, which bred the new sovbeans. Many other factors - from pricing to

regulation to ease of use - will also affect the pace of development. This year, for instance, many soybean farmers are worried about planting Roundup-resistant beans because the European Union has not yet agreed to allow them to be imported. Trade negotiators and big exporters like the Archer-Daniels-Midland Company are confident the hurdle will disappear by harvest time, in part because they have the backing of European scientific reviews.

Many goals being pursued through genetic engineering are also a focus for traditional technologies. Selective breeding of mutant soybeans, for instance, allowed Du Pont and scores of seed companies to develop popular soybean lines that tolerate Du-Pont's powerful Synchrony herbicides, much as Asgrow's beans tolerate Roundup. First marketed in 1993, Synchrony-resistant crops could cover as many as five million acres of farmland this year.

But genetic engineering has an enormous advantage: It can tap into the genetic pool of all living creatures, from micro-organisms to humans, transferring hereditary characteristics from species to species. That flexibility enabled Ron Marbach, a Worthington, Iowa, farmer to sow 20 acres of corn with Maximizer, a Ciba-Geigy seed genetically programmed to produce a protein hitherto found only in bactèria. The protein kills the European corn borer.

For all of the promise of genetic engineering, though, the rush by chemical and biotechnology companies to recoup their investments worries some critics. They fear that the nation is lurching recklessly toward a series of giant environmental experiments that could backfire.

In particular, they worry that insects and weeds will quickly build up resistance to the transgenic plants and the herbicides used in conjunction with them, possibly leaving farmers worse off than before after a short burst of extra productivity.

UPS AND DOWNS

"It's all work this out as you go and hope securing a stake in Dekalb Genetics to col-



Ioe Tusek, a farmer in western Illinois, is choosing to plant genetically altered soybeans

to God it works," said Margaret Mellon, director of agriculture and biotechnology programs at the Union of Concerned Scientists, a Washington-based research and lobbying group. "We've still got a lot to learn."

Right now, the hottest area of debate is insect-resistant crops. Those reaching the market this year, as well as Monsanto's Newleaf potato that made its debut last summer, are based on genes from a family of bacteria called Bacillus thuringiensis. commonly referred to as Bt. The Bt genes are a code for assembling proteins that can kill certain pests while having no effect on beneficial insects and animals.

Bt's have been used in sprays for decades, mostly by organic farmers who forgo the use of manmade chemicals. But the sprays were not effective enough to make much of a dent in the chemical-pesticides market. As a result, the target insects escaped the relentless exposure that leads to the emergence of resistant populations.

But that could soon change. The success in field trials of the cotton seeds embedded with Bt proteins has created a wave of excitement among farmers like Mr. Wilbourn in the Mississippi Delta. The new strains, developed by Monsanto and marketed for the first time this year by the Delta and Pine Land Company under the Nucoton name, have nearly sold out.

Consequently, they may cover as many as 2.5 million acres, about 40 percent of cotton acres traditionally requiring heavy spraying. Nucoton carries a \$32-an-acre licensing fee payable to Monsanto, but should help farmers avoid \$50 to \$60 an acre in pesticide applications in insect-infested regions.

Monsanto and other biotechnology companies are confident they can find ways to impede the buildup of insect immunity to the bacteria. Working with university and

Federal Government researchers, they have already constructed a first line of defense: requiring farmers to plant "refuges" - nearby plots with other strains of the crop so that insects without resistance to the bacteria strains will survive in large numbers. That should sharply reduce the chances that small percent of insects with resistance will mate with each other and pass the trait on.

The companies are also working on other genetic changes to arm plants with chemical defenses that will kill pests with resistance to the Bt proteins. In the meantime, they say, Bt-endowed plants will delay the process of insect adaptation to manmade chemicals by allowing farmers to use them less frequently. That will also preserve beneficial insects that prey on pests.

If the chemical and seed companies are wrong and Bt resistance becomes common, the immediate losers will be organic farmers. But biotech companies say they have just as much at stake. Their chances of recouping their huge investments in the new technology will evaporate if the products reaching market this year are short-lived.

"Until now, biotechnology has been exciting but it has been expensive excitement," said Hendrik A. Verfaille, vice president in charge of agribusiness at Monsanto, which is based in St. Louis.

Indeed, in explaining the need for its licensing fees and seed-use restrictions, Monsanto representatives tell farmers it has spent \$500 million over the last 10 years just to develop Roundup-resistant plants.

While the industry is looking ahead to 2000 and beyond, the big test comes this year. "These are just the first products," said the ever-enthusiastic Mr. Caulder of Mycogen, "but they are doing some remarkable things."

# Corporate Biotech

By EDWARD WYATT

ALL STREET has been bitten by this bug before. Back in 1992, investors loved agricultural biotechnology stocks. Even as drugrelated biotech stocks were getting hammered, excitement over Calgene's Flav'r Say'r tomato sent the group, then composed of a half dozen or so companies, soaring.

But disappointment over product acceptance by consumers and delays at the Food and Drug Administration soon caused investors to drift away. "There never was a tremendous success in ag biotech the way there was with the companies like Amgen and Genentech," said Jim McCamant, editor of the Ag Biotech Stock Letter and the Medical Technology Stock Letter, referring to two well-known drug biotech companies.

That failure seems to have made investors gun-shy. For now, even as several agbiotech companies are making strong strides toward marketing new products, relatively few institutional investors have returned to the field.

Where Wall Street is shy, however, Corporate America is stepping in. Several large chemical and seed companies have made investments in ag biotech companies, in-

cluding some favorites in the earlier round. In the last two months alone, the Monsanto Company announced two such deals, buying nearly half of Calgene as well as

laborate on research in corn and soybean seeds; Empresas La Moderna, a Mexican tobacco company, agreed to buy 70 percent of DNA Plant Technology; Pioneer Hi-Bred International said it spent \$51 million to buy a stake in Mycogen and to collaborate on research into insect-resistant plants, and DowElanco, a venture of the Dow Chemical Company and Eli Lilly & Company, agreed to buy 46 percent of Mycogen.

Investors can gain particular benefits from these corporate decisions to take stakes, but only partial ones, in companies

like Mycogen. "Small companies have the culture to commercialize embryonic technologies, which might get killed by large corporate cultures" in a full takeover, said Sano Shimoda, president of BioScience Securities of Orinda, Calif. At the same time, the potential for investment gains are greater with the smaller companies, because, in addition to being backed by their partners' deep pockets, any new profits will have a greater impact on their financial statements.

But there have also been some full acquisitions in ag biotech. The recent deals have involved companies grabbing at garagesale prices technology that was at the van-guard of the last rally. Biosys Inc. recently bought Crop Genetics International for the equivalent of about 50 cents a share, for example; in early 1992, Crop Genetics shares traded for more than \$10 apiece. Biosys also agreed last year to buy Agri-Dyne for about \$2 a share; those shares traded at \$11 in early 1992.

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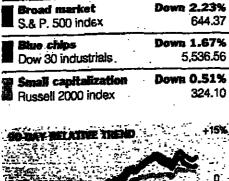
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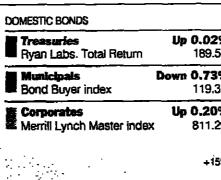
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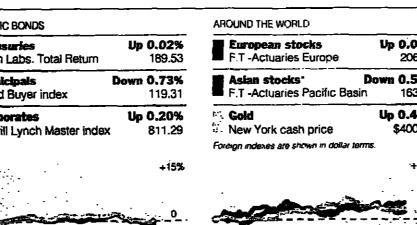
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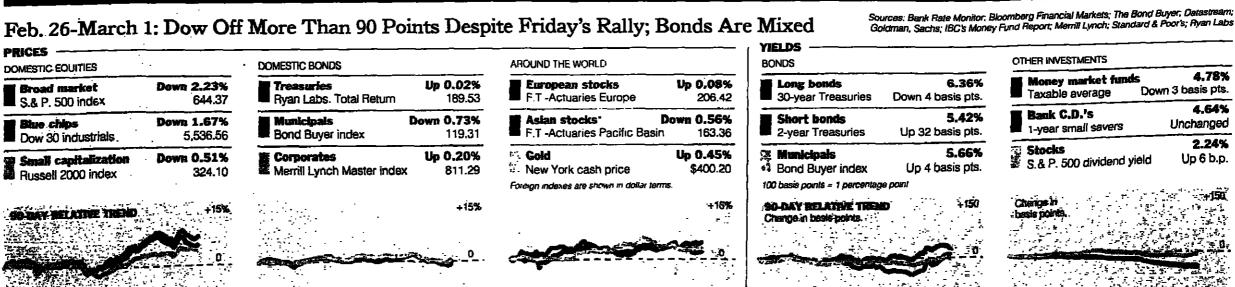
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No Trivial Impact

To the Editor:

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 27, 1996

Some free traders state that the

Smoot-Hawley Tariff of 1930

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United States into the Depression, al-

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# Spy Pablum

When a voluminous assessment of United States intelligence agencies devotes only two pages to criticisms of the Central Intelligence Agency, it is not hard to divine that the authors ducked some difficult issues. Unhappily, that is just what the Presidential commission on the future of American intelligence agencies has done. After a year of study and high public expectations, the commission has produced an anodyne report that offers no bold ideas for overhauling the Government's espionage empire, a creaky and expensive relic of the

cold war. The disappointment is all the greater because the opportunity for significant change has rarely been better. The Soviet threat, which accounted for more than 70 percent of the budget and operations of America's intelligence services, is gone. Pressure to limit Federal spending has never been stronger. Congress is impatient for change in the intelligence business, and the new Director of Central Intelligence, John Deutch, is a reformer ready to try new ideas and throw out old practices.

The Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the United States Intelligence Community has stepped up to this this promising moment with all the spine of a rag doll. There is nothing radical about its report, which is precisely its problem. Under the leadership of Harold Brown, a former Defense Secretary who took over leadership of the commission last year after Les Aspin, its first chairman, died, the panel earnestly proposes a series of steps that would no doubt improve the performance and efficiency of the intelligence agencies, but leaves a flawed system essentially intact.

It clearly makes sense, as the commission suggests, to trim the staff of bloated agencies, streamline their management and improve coordination between intelligence analysts and the consumers of their work in the White House, State Department and other offices. The commission offers sound advice on how to make these changes happen. It calls for special legislation to require rapid downsizing, and urges management consolidation in areas like signals intelligence, where the collection of radio, microwave and other communications and electronic transmissions is now under the direction of several agencies.

The commission reasonably suggests that the Director of Central Intelligence serve for a six-year term to insulate the office from political shifts in the White House. It wisely recommends disclosure of the annual budget for the C.I.A. and other spy organizations. Reliable estimates put the budget between \$26 billion and \$28 billion, but declassification of the figure would be an encouraging step toward greater openness and public accountability.

When it comes to the larger picture of just what kind of intelligence network America needs now that the cold war is over, and whether some agencies ought to be combined or eliminated altogether, the commission lacks imagination and courage.

Spying to handle new threats like terrorism, international criminal gangs and the spread of nuclear weapons and materials is vital to American security, as the commission says. But it defies common sense to conclude that agencies established and sustained primarily to monitor the Soviet Union should operate today without substantial change and at a spending level not all that different from the cold war.

The United States, for instance, needs to maintain its edge in advanced spy satellites, but there is real doubt whether this expensive program should be left in the hands of the National Reconnaissance Office, a Pentagon agency that misspent millions of dollars on a lavish new headquarters and lost track of \$2 billion in its own accounts. The commission blandly concludes the N.R.O. should be preserved.

Mr. Deutch has already done more to reform the C.I.A. than the panel proposes, and has been far harsher in his criticism of the agency's failures. When Congress created the commission, it wanted a hard look at the intelligence agencies and some new ideas for refashioning them. Now that the commission has failed to deliver, Congress, with the help of Mr. Deutch, will have to do the job itself.

# No Water Money for City Schools

A State Supreme Court judge has ruled that Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's misguided plan to sell the New York City water system is illegal. The ruling will be welcomed by New Yorkers who rightly worried that the sale might weaken the city's conserious financial problem for the Mayor, who had counted on money from the sale to rebuild schools.

City Hall and the City Comptroller's office have been waging a complicated battle over the future of the city water system, a network of pipelines, sewers and upstate reservoirs. The Mayor is strapped for money for construction projects, because the city is very near its borrowing limit. So he proposed selling the water system to the Water Board, a quasi-independent agency.

Under the plan, the Water Board would have raised \$2.3 billion through the sale of bonds, and used \$1.3 billion of it to retire old debt. The rest would have gone to the city over four years, with

\$400 million arriving in 1996. Comptroller Alan Hevesi refused to give the approval necessary for the Water Board to sell the bonds. Mr. Hevesi argued that selling the system might endanger the city's priceless upstate watershed. The Water Board is a creature of the State Legislature, whose upstate Republican members have often looked askance at the city's ability to

control large stretches of land in their districts. Friday Judge Jane Solomon ruled that Mr. Hevesi was right, but for a narrow reason. She said the Water Board was only empowered by the Legislature to raise money for new construction, not to

The Giuliani administration said it would appeal, or try to restructure the deal to meet the judge's objections. Either way the process will take months, and in the meantime the Mayor must deal with the matter of school construction.

The scandal of the physical state of New York City's public schools is well documented. The Board of Education has less than half the money it needs to address the most critical safety and overcrowding concerns. The Mayor, who has been reluctant to deal with this extremely expensive crisis, planned to use \$200 million from the watershed money toward a solution, Recently, as political pressure has grown, the Mayor's aides hinted that the whole \$I billion could go to help fix the schools.

Now the Mayor must face the issue head on. City Council Speaker Peter Vallone has proposed extending a surcharge on the city income tax, which is due to expire this year, and using the money for school construction. The Mayor must either get behind Mr. Vallone's reasonable suggestion or come up with a new idea of his own.

## So Many States, So Little Time

It seems like only yesterday that the Republican Presidential campaign meandered along at a bucolic pace, with leisurely forays by the candidates around the country. Now the contest rockets past at warp speed. As a succession of primary elections crashes down on the voters every three or four days, a sensation that too much is happening too quickly has set in. Whatever was the intention of political strategists in establishing a compressed schedule of primaries at the beginning of the campaign season, it has not served the interest of democracy and rational choice.

Not so long ago, the primary season began with New Hampshire in February and extended into June, giving voters in different states enough time to have second and third thoughts while the candidates were subjected to rigorous scrutiny by each other and by the press. It now seems possible that most of the delegates to the San Diego convention will be chosen by the end of March, with too little time to consider which candidate or set of issues represents what is best for a party and the nation.

The current crazy process of a tightly compressed primary schedule has taken about two decades to get out of hand. An initial turning point came in 1972, when the Democrats led the way to a process dominated by primary elections themselves, as opposed to private deliberations of party bosses. Then in 1976, Jimmy Carter discovered the value of the Iowa caucuses, using his win there as a springboard to a quick string of victories in primary elections, enabling him to wrap up the nomination well before the primary process was over.

From there it was a quick step to every state in the country wanting to hold its primary election in the early part of the season, before the end of the contest. California, which used to be a grand prize in June, scheduled its election this year on March 26. As The Times's R. W. Apple Jr. has noted, the rapid succession of primary elections all across the country will leave little time for personalized campaigning in each state. Instead the candidates will be running from airport to airport or, more accurately, television market to television market.

The 1996 campaign has a few weeks to go, but it is not too soon to step back and start thinking about fixing the system the next time around, for both Republicans and Democrats. The parties should give some thought to encouraging self-restraint among the states, so that there is a return to a system of stretched out primary elections over a period of months. It then might make sense to bunch the primaries up around regions. Right now, the primaries to be held March 12, the so-called "Super Tuesday," are to be held mainly in the South. If states want to maximize their clout, they may well wish to coordinate their own schedules around other states in their regions to insure that the candidates spend enough time campaigning in their areas.

The paradox is that to prepare for this compressed schedule of primaries, the candidates have to get started two years before the campaign year, raising money and establishing an organization for the final frantic marathon. This year, though, it turned out that money-raising skills (Phil Gramm) and organizational ability and endorsements (Bob Dole) were of little value for the final push.

We like the historically proven rituals of state primaries. They test the endurance and appeal of would-be Presidents while educating them about the country. But there is no need, even in a video age, to conduct the enterprise at such a bewildering pace.

# America's Growth Didn't Rely on Protectionism

To the Editor:

Re "Who Says Republicans Are Free Traders?" (Op-Ed, Feb. 27): Alfred E. Eckes questions the efficacy of "conventional economic nostrums" such as free trade by pointing out that the protected United States economy after 1870 grew faster than its free-trade British counterpart.

But Mr. Eckes does not mention that this country's industry was more modern than Britain's, that unions in the United States never became as powerful or that United States natural resources were greater. Moreover, since 1945, the United States has been less protective than Britain but has grown more rapidly. Mr. Eckes is correct that "Mr. Buchanan's views are consistent

that President Clinton's free-trade views are consistent with those of a long line of Democratic leaders. While pre-World War II Republi-

with those of a long line of Republi-

can leaders." He fails to mention

cans advocated high tariffs to protect United States business, pre-World War II Democrats supported free trade to protect the consumer.

President Clinton deserves credit for reopening the debate within the Democratic Party and challenging misguided notions such as the dangerous economic nationalism that Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Eckes sup-MICHAEL S. JAMES

Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 27, 1996 The writer is a graduate student in the department of history, University of California.

## When Labor Is Cheap

To the Editor:

"Who Says Republicans Are Free Traders?" (Op-Ed, Feb. 27) is an invitation to a debate that is overdue. Why is a global economy desirable? Is it because, say, Ping-Pong balls from China are cheaper than those made in the United States?

## Europe Doesn't Want Our TV Violence

To the Editor:

Re "Canada Likes Chip to Block TV Violence" (news article, Feb. 28): The exportation of violent television, film and videos may be in the long-term worst interest of United States media industries. This insight came to me at a program on "Children and Screen Violence," co-sponsored by the Swedish Ministry of Culture and Unesco in Lund, Sweden. last September.

The Europeans, who have historically been less concerned about violence in the media, are concerned about the effect this violence is having on their children. They worry that United States media violence will have the same effects there that they see in the United States - influencing young people to become more violent and desensitizing viewers.

There was talk at the conference about how European countries might regulate if not ban the importation of violent media products.

Media are the second major United States export industry, and their global reach is growing. The increasing number of parents and governments around the world concerned about the effects of such violent media on their children could be an economic force that will have a backlash for United States media indus-ELLEN WARTELLA

Dean, College of Communication University of Texas Austin, Feb. 28, 1996

William Safire (column, Feb. 29)

charges that Hillary Rodham Clinton

should be prosecuted for the serious

crime of obstruction of justice be-

cause, he says, she lied to the Gen-

eral Accounting Office last year

when she stated that she did not

"direct that any action be taken by

anyone with regard to the Travel

missals of its staff. His charges are

In fact, all the direct testimony by

all the individuals quoted and relied

on by Mr. Safire to support his ob-

struction charge supports Mrs. Clin-

ton. According to testimony by David

Watkins, the former White House

aide, and statements by Mrs. Clin-

ton's friend Susan Thomases and

Thomas McLarty, the former White

House chief of staff, Mrs. Clinton

never ordered or directed the dis-

missal of the Travel Office employ-

Mr. Watkins and Mr. McLarty

have stated that Mrs. Clinton knew

about the findings of financial mis-

management in the Travel Office by

the outside auditor, Peat Marwick -

findings that vindicated what White

House aides had discovered just

days after the Clinton inauguration

and that were also communicated to

her. She has said that she expressed

To the Editor:

wrong and reckless.

Accusations Against Mrs. Clinton Are Baseless



To the Editor:

It is wonderful that the television industry intends to institute a ratings system for violence (news article, Feb. 29). Equally important is to regulate the advertisements shown during "nonviolent" shows.

My husband and I regulate what our children watch. But we have been shocked at the advertisements for adult television shows and movies, including shootings, dead bodies and sexually explicit scenes, broadcast during such family fare as nature shows or skating competitions. You can only be so quick with the Ilana F. Gareen

Los Angeles, Feb. 29, 1996

her "concerns" about this misman-

agement to several people, including Mr. Watkins in her one conversation

That she left the impression with

Mr. Watkins and others during this

time period that some personnel

changes appeared to be justified is

not inconsistent with her response to

the G.A.O. and to others that she did

Finally, there is absolutely no ba-

sis to Mr. Safire's repeated charge

that Mrs. Clinton is involved in mis-

dence, not hearsay, innuendo and

Basic principles of fundamental

fairness embodied in the Constitu-

tion — due process, the presumption

of innocence, and the obligation to

produce real evidence - are expect-

ed before the publication of a charge

of wrongdoing and criminality

against a fellow citizen, even if that

citizen happens to be the First

The writer, a lawyer, is a former

member of the Democratic National

Washington, March 1, 1996

LANNY J. DAVIS

with him in May 1993.

dismissed.

gatory agency.

half-truths.

### the rest to falling income. Smoot-Hawley was not trivial in its impact on trade. Douglas A. Irwin Washington, Feb. 28, 1996 The writer is a visiting scholar, American Enterprise Institute.

In the Middle East: Terror or Retaliation? To the Editor:

> "Terror in Israel: Who Will Bring Hamas to Heel?" (news analysis, Feb. 29): The recent attacks that killed 27

people in Israel must be condemned. However, the labeling of Palestinian attacks as terrorism and Israeli attacks as retaliation, military incursions and so on does a disservice to all who seek a just solution to the conflict. Why is the assassination of Yahya

Ayyash, killed last month in Gaza, not called terrorism?

This was only the most recent in a list of assassinations, invasions and attacks by the Israeli military

As your analysis points out, Israel had recognized the likelihood that there would be retaliation for Mr. Ayyash's murder.

use of the F.B.I. or any other investi-Why was there no condemnation of Israel for beginning a new round of One would expect someone of Mr. attacks after a six-month break in Safire's influence to back up such terrorist activity? accusations with facts and real evi-

Another feature of the aftermath of these attacks has been the incongruity of attacking Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, for not doing enough to stop Muslim extremists when reports indicate that the suicide bombers came from Hebron. one of the few areas in the West Bank still under Israeli control.

Lasting peace will come to Israel and Palestine only after the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The sooner this occurs, the better the chances of a successful and peaceful transition. Anny Mager Basseterre, St. Kitts, Feb. 29, 1996

## Longevity Research Depends on Federal Funds

To the Editor: The news that older Americans are leading longer, healthier lives is welcome (front page, Feb. 27).

However, you seem to suggest a continued reduction in rates of disability and death from stroke and heart disease.

The medical advances made during the last century have required years of investigation and millions of

Still, the Federal Government plans cuts in the National Institutes of Health, especially the National Institutes of Aging, threatening research.

Continued support will press rates of disability lower and forestall large numbers of dependent elderly. Without this financing, progress

will be overwhelmed by demographic effects of the baby boom's end STEPHANIE LEDERMAN Executive Director, American Federation for Aging Research

New York, Feb. 27, 1996

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Committee.

You report (front page, Feb. 26) that healthy older brains have kept more cells than what people used to think. The finding comes from studies that excluded as many cases of Alzheimer's disease as possible. Is it surprising that the selected people have healthier brains?

Even so, the results are heartening for those of us who are approaching

We can expect to maintain cognitive function, if we are fortunate to be in the subset of folks who do not lose it. EMILIA P. BELSERENE Port Angeles, Wash., Feb. 26, 1996



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### Marijuana for Pain Isn't Good Medicine

To the Editor:

Re "Marijuana Club Helps Those in Pain" (news article, Feb. 25):

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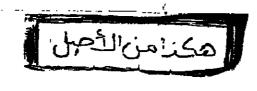
Of 14 published studies on the effectiveness of marijuana or synthetic THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) in alleviating nausea and vomiting following chemotherapy, only a single United States study has found that smoking pot is superior to swallowing THC pills (Marinol).

The National Institutes of Health has concluded that marijuana has no proven value over medicines that are available to physicians in the treatment of AIDS, cancer or multiple sclerosis.

Common sense telis us why no medicine is ingested by smoking: particulate matter in burning herbal material is toxic to the lungs, and the smoke pollutes the air we breathe

Contrary to your assertion that oncologists often recommend marijuana to patients, a recent study conducted by the Georgetown University School of Medicine found that only 9 percent of clinical oncologists would prescribe marijuana to a single patient in any given month. RICHARD H. SCHWARTZ, M.D.

Washington, Feb. 29, 1996 The writer is a clinical professor at the Georgetown University School of Medicine.



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Foreign Affairs

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

# Land of The Rising Sun (Inc.)

HIROSHIMA, Japan There is a view in some quarters of the Clinton Administration that the U.S. no longer needs to worry about Japan as an economic competitor.
After all, Japan lags behind the U.S.
in software innovation, it's going
through a banking-bailout crisis, it has a rapidly aging population, and it can't seem to shake its recession.

As one U.S. official likes to say, "Japan today is an island with 125 million people growing old, who haven't invented anything new since the Sony Walkman."

I beg to differ. Yes, Japan will have to dig out of its banking crisis, and it will. But if you look at how Japan is strategically positioning itself for the future, only a fool — a complete and utter fool - would write this place off.

To begin with, the most competitive Japanese companies are quietly beginning to dominate the megamarket of tomorrow: Asia. That's Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Burma, southern China, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam (and Japan itself, which is 70 percent of East Asia's G.D.P.). In the 1980's Japan was putting about 12 percent of its foreign direct investment into other Asian countries; in the 1990's it's been about 35 percent.

Through this strategy Japanese companies are lowering their costs with cheaper Asian labor, while simultaneously capturing a major share of the fastest-growing market on the planet. This year, the Asian market for consumer electronics became larger than Europe and by next year it will be larger than the U.S. By the end of this decade Toyota (and all its Japanese suppliers who came along with it) will be producing one million cars a year in Thailand. Japan already has 80 percent of the auto market in Asia outside of Japan.

"The Japanese are arrogant, insular and stubborn, but they are not stupid," says Ken Courtis, economist for Deutsche Bank in Japan. "They see where the money is, they see where the growth is, and that is where they are parking their car and they are taking as many places in the parking lot as they can." ন্য লা পুনু<u>ৰ । তে এখন্তানীপ্ৰ</u> এই স্থা<del>য়ে</del>

## Watch Japan quietly capture the Asian market.

Yes, the U.S. is also investing in Asia, but not with such a coherent strategy. In January, Japan announced it was giving Cambodia \$100 million in foreign aid to help it develop infrastructure for a new mobile phone system. A month later Cambodia awarded contracts to three private firms to market this new phone system to consumers. The contracts were divided up between the three major Japanese phone companies, N.T.T., Astel and NEC.

Japan's merchandise trade surplus with other Asian countries has increased almost 800 percent since 1985, from \$8.9 billion to \$70.7 billion. Much of that was Japanese factories moving their equipment to Asia. Sure, Japan's trade surplus with the U.S. is falling, because its companies are now hiding their exports to the U.S. under the labels "Made in Thailand" or "Made in Malaysia."

It's true that Japan is not as innovative as the U.S. in software, and innovation is important. But imitation isn't a bad second, especially if you're not only good at imitation but at improving on the original as well. Rented a car lately? You can get a computerized map on the dashboard that will give you directions, guided by satellite, to wherever you want to go. The U.S. put up that satellite to track ships and planes, but the Japa-nese adapted the technology for cars.

While Japan shifts production to Asia, it keeps the most complex, high-value-added jobs here. Toyota may make the Camry in Thailand, but it still makes the Lexus in Japan. Where Japanese companies can't innovate, they just buy U.S. companies that can. And with Japanese interest rates at 1 percent, that's not hard.

Japan is changing all right — but not by becoming like us. Japan is simply looking for news ways to remain itself: a country that maintains almost no unemployment at home, by closing its markets to outsiders and focusing the best Japanese com-

panies on exports. Minoru Makihara, president of Mitsubishi Corporation, remarked to me: "Just as we underestimated the U.S. six years ago, it would be a mistake for the U.S. to underesti-mate Japan today." Indeed. This is a serious country, with an underlying hardness and determination. The other day in Hiroshima, I toured the epicenter of the 1945 nuclear blast. There's only one building that survived the U.S. A-bomb attack, and that famous building's skeletal remains are still standing to this day. It was the Industrial Promotion

Indeed, since the Implementation

Force has made it fairly clear that it

indicted war criminals, we can be

certain that it has neither the mili-

pullout date) nor the political will to

provide security guarantees for the

It is time for the United States and

Europe to admit that while Dayton

might deliver a precious peace, de-

mocracy and justice have been

clubbed on the back of the head.

return of the refugees.

## The Price of Peace in Bosnia

By Misha Glenny

WASHINGTON thankful that slaughter in Bosnia has stopped. But we should not fool ourselves. Democracy and justice continue to be trampled in the former Yugoslavia.

In order to silence the guns, the international community has been forced to make a pact with authoritarian leaders, who, having already subjected millions of people to appalling misery, do not yet intend to retire. The Presidents of Serbia, Croatia and now Bosnia argue, unfortunately quite convincingly, that only they have the power to guarantee permanent peace in the northern Balkans.

The latest manifestation of this deal with the devils has been the disgraceful ruling by Serbia's Supreme Court to allow the Government to shut down the Soros Yugoslavia Foundation in Belgrade. The court cited a legal technicality, but this cannot disguise the cynical political maneuvering of the Serbian President, Slobodan Milosevic, who

is behind the closure.
The foundation has performed heroic work under exceptionally difficult conditions. Above all, it has alleviated the suffering of Serb, Muslim,

## An end to the war, and to the dream of a democratic state.

Hungarian and Albanian citizens, many of them refugees, through its humanitarian work. These people will be the principle victims of the court's decision, and considerable pressure should be applied on the Serbian Government to reverse it.

But the move is indicative of a broader process unfolding in Serbia, Croatia and the two constituent parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. As peace takes hold in Bosnia and Croatia, the ruling political parties are tightening their grip on power by suffocating any internal opposition.

The assault on the Soros foundation was preceded by the Serbian Government's takeover of Belgrade's only independent television station. Studio B has been an invaluable source of information in the capital, given the crude political control exercised by the authorities over state TV. But such noxious practices are by no means a preserve of the Serbs.

A few weeks ago, the Bosnian Government denied Sarajevo's most influential independent radio station, Radio 99, the right to establish a television station. This means that President Alija Izetbegovic's Party for Democratic Action will enjoy an enormous advantage over Bosnia's nascent multi-ethnic opposition when nationwide elections are held, probably in September. The former Bosnian Prime Minister, Haris Silajdzic. warns that the President wishes to turn Bosnia into a one-party state. Without an effective medium to

Misha Glenny, a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Center, is writing a book on Balkan nationalism.

spread its message, Bosnia's numerically weak but committed opposition will not be able to prevent his authoritarian domination.

As for Croatia, in the past two months the President, Franjo Tudjman, has twice vetoed the nominee for mayor of Zagreb proposed by the democratically elected City Council, which fell into the hands of the opposition last year. It now looks as if the President may call new City Council elections in order to try to extract this thorn from the flesh of his politi-

The Balkan leaders view the Dayton peace agreement as a means to consolidate their political control. Ethnic separation makes this much easier. Just look at the latest population exchange within Boshia: The Serbs are voluntarily moving out of Sarajevo suburbs being handed back to the Bosnian Government.

housands of civilians have been encouraged to leave by both sides. The Government in Sarajevo was deliberately slow to assure the Serbs that it would be safe to stay. The authorities in Pale, the capital of the Serbian entity in Bosnia, incited the mass exodus by claiming that Serbs in the Sarajevo suburbs would be victimized by the Bosnian police force.

In the words of one European diplomat quoted on Wednesday: "What we seem to have on the ground is a growing tendency for each ethnic group to withdraw into its own space. That is what we are seeing in Sarajevo."

This suggests that the three sides have agreed among themselves to the principle of partition. To the West, they offer an end (perhaps only temporary) to the nightmare of war in the Balkans. But in exchange the leaders demand the right to establish virtually complete, undemocratic control of their own constitu-

When the Implementation Force, led by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, leaves Bosnia in December, the ultimate source of authority will rest with the three indigenous armies, each associated with a particular national group and a particular political party. Should the various local governments have their undemocratic way, as is almost certain, it will be impossible to secure the safe return of refugees.

Yet the international community considers repatriation a cornerstone of the Dayton agreement. Sacrificing the principle of ethnic reintegration, however, is probably the price the West will have to pay if it wants an end to armed conflict.

In that case, the West will have a duty to make it plain to all refugees that they must abandon any hope of going home in the short term. For Dayton raised the expectations among the blighted, traumatized people of Bosnia that they might be

## Note to Readers

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My father's green scrapbook is full of yellow newspaper clips on Al Smith. He was a world-historical figure in our house: the first Catholic to

be nominated for President. There is the Happy Warrior waving his brown derby in Chicago and Palm Beach and Albany. There is the headline about his '28 loss to Herbert Hoover. And more ominous clips, like this: "The last political campaign revived the Ku Klux Klan. The anti-Catholic conspiracy thrived upon the candidacy of a Catholic for President. Evidently there is to be a fresh impe-

tus given to anti-Catholic bigorry ... a boycott of all Catholics in politics, industry and social matters."

And this: "There are many socialled American citizens who think Catholics are good enough to fight and die for their country, but who are not willing for Catholics to hold positions of trust and honor in their country."

Thirty-two years later, when John Kennedy made it, my father hung a huge picture of him in the den. Senator Kennedy had soothed jittery voters about separation of church and state, wearing his Catholicism lightly.

"I sat next to Cardinal Spellman at dinner the other evening," Kennedy said at a Bronx fund raiser, "and asked him what I should say when voters questioned me about the doctrine of the Pope's infallibility. 'I don't know, Senator,' the Cardinal told me. 'All I know is he keeps calling me Spillman.' "

Thirty-six years later, the problem is not the infallibility of the Pope, but the infallibility of the candidate. Pat Buchanan wears his religion heavily. vowing to base his Administration on the Bible, the Constitution and the

## Playing the Catholic card.

is not in the business of arresting clarity he learned at Gonzaga, a Jesuit high school, in the 50's. "There was right and there was wrong," he tary resources (given its December said, "and you knew it."

Bay Buchanan, the candidate's sister and campaign manager, decided this week to play the Catholic card, charging Ted Koppel with "anti-Catholic bigotry." She said that a "Nightline" on Mr. Buchanan's upbringing had revealed "the dark soul of ABC News." "Its entirety was an

endless slander against my brother Pat, my family and our faith," said Ms. Buchanan, a Mormon.

In The Washington Post, she offered an ingenious bit of reasoning on why Mr. Koppei was unfair to do an off-camera interview with a Jewish neighbor who remembered being called a "Christ-killer" and beaten up by some of Pat's younger brothers.

The Buchanans, she protested, were not anti-Semitic because they believed in equal-opportunity bullying: "They beat up everyone."

At a time when the Pope's tour does better than Lollapalooza, and when President Clinton is pushing so hard on school uniforms and the Vchip he might be running for Catholic school principal, the Buchanans can not really be that worried about anti-Catholic bigotry.

They are simply doing what they do best, practicing the politics of

If the media want to suggest that Mr. Buchanan uses code words and inflections as a way of exciting bigots and militia types and xenophobes, if the media want to say that his defense of the Confederate flag and the song "Dixie" and The Citadel's maleness is intended as a signal to certain voters, the Buchanans know how to fight back. They use their old speciality, the sucker punch, tarring the media establishment as anti-Catholic.

Mr. Buchanan ignores the Pope's opposition to immigration restrictions, and he uses his faith for dramatic effect. Though Catholics long ago reconciled evolution and religion, Mr. Buchanan recently played William Jennings Bryan with Sam Donaldson: "Sam, you may believe you're descended from monkeys. . . . I think you're a creature of God."

Father Robert Drinan of Georgetown, the Jesuit university attended by Mr. Buchanan and President Clinton, noted impatiently: "Catholics are free to believe in evolution, and to believe that God intervened to make us men. The Jesuits didn't give him all this baloney."

William Bennett, who also went to Gonzaga, says that Mr. Buchanan did not pick up the politics of resentment there. "Our motto was Men for Others," he said. "We were taught service to others. Pat has made a very strange inversion of that — he's scapegoating other people. This stuff Buchanan says was not in our holy

There is anti-Catholicism in America. But you don't have to be anti-Catholic to be anti-Buchanan.

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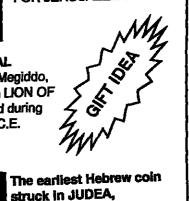
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# Two Brothers in a Movie World of Their Own

By WILLIAM McDONALD

HE wintry landscape is flat and bleak, a whiteout broken only by a strip of twolane blacktop, a muddy police cruiser on the shoulder, a blossom of blood in the snow. A couple of local officers have come out from town to investigate. See, there's a car upside down in a farmer's field and three bodies have been found shot. Pretty darn mysterious. It's not every day they get a triple homicide in these parts, you know. One bumpkin of an officer is completely baffled. Jeez, he says.

Like most everybody in this vast north country, the officer has a bobbing Scandinavian accent and a Godfearing, white-bread way of talking. If he seems a little slow on the draw, no matter; his boss, the chief, is one smart cookie. Checking tire prints, studying where the victims fell, the chief, it appears, will have two and two put together in a jiff, you betcha, between sips of steaming takeout coffee. At one point the chief squats to peer at a bullet-torn body pinned inside the overturned car and starts to feel queasy. Gruesome stuff? No, not that. "Morning sickness," the chief says. She's seven months preg-

Down the road a bit stands a towering Paul Bunyan, his trusty ax propped on a broad, plaid-flanneled shoulder. The statue is there to welcome motorists to town, a place called Brainerd, and the face looks pleasant enough at first glance: bright-eyed and smiling, even downhome friendly. But the longer you look, the creepier the expression becomes. The wide eyes begin to look crazed, the frozen smile scary, even downright maniacal, like an ax murderer's.

There's a name for this place. Minnesota? Yah, sure. The heartland? You're darn tootin'. But it's weirder than that. You're in Coen brothers country.

In particular you're in the early scenes of "Fargo," a new movie (opening Friday) by Joel and Ethan Coen, those flamboyantly offbeat, famously symbiotic film makers who have been impressing, amusing, puzzling and sometimes annoying audiences for more than a decade now.

In a literal sense, too, you're on the Coen brothers' old stomping ground. Before they lit out to make movies like "Raising Arizona," "Miller's Crossing" and "Barton Fink," gathering film festival awards and a cult following, the Coens grew up in a Minneapolis suburb, St. Louis Park, the 1950's and 60's and knew the open country beyond it, stretching west into the Dakotas.

But in a broader sense you're on the tricky cinematic terrain that makes a film by the Coen brothers so recognizably theirs, and yet so hard to get a handle on. Mention to cinephiles that a film is a Coen brothers movie, and you'll get knowing nods. Ask them to define a Coen brothers vie, and vou'll get searching looks.

"They're unreducible," says Geoffrey Gilmore, the program director of the Sundance Film Festival, which has twice showcased films by the Coens. "They can't be defined in a simplistic fashion."

It's a refrain heard throughout the film world. "Their style is so personal, you can't pigeonhole them," says the action-movie king Joel Silver, who surprised Hollywood by helping the Coens produce their extravagant, ultimately disastrous, 1994 comedy "The Hudsucker Proxy." Jennifer Jason Leigh, who played a hard-boiled reporter in "Hud-sucker," says simply, "There's no one who does what they do."

What the Coen brothers do is toy with a genre even as they pay homage to it, dazzle with striking imagery even as they wink ironically at it. Their scripts are drum-tight, their stories like fables, but with a modern twist: tense drama may have a slyly comic underside, broad comedy a dark one. Oddball characters walk on for a scene or two and then disappear. Dialogue is crisp, keenly attuned to ethnic and regional speech patterns, but actions and motives are often ambiguous. It's a postmodern cinematic world — some say a self-consciously arty one - where everything seems vaguely unhinged.

It's fittingly paradoxical that for all the testaments to their singularity, the Coens, justly or not, keep getting compared to others, and put in rarefied company. In "Barton Fink" some critics saw traces of Nathanael West; one had visions of Edward Hopper figures slouching off the canvas and onto film. The brothers' comic touch has been compared to that of W.C. Fields and even Mark Twain. Richard Peña, chairman of the New York Film Festival's selection committee, links the Coens with "fierce film watchers" like Martin Scorsese, Brian De Palma and Peter Bogdanovich, directors who have built on genres by

redefining them. The Coens themselves act puzzled and amused by the high-minded discussion they stir up. Ask them to comment on their film-making style, and they fairly shrug at the notion of having one. By their account, they just do what comes intuitively. They won't attest to any overarching sensibility or grand artistic vision. They'd rather leave that sort of talk to the academics.

least a conscious thread, anyway, between the different stories we're telling," says Joel Coen, who directs. "Sometimes, when people point out to us things that are common to the different movies, it's almost like, 'Oh, yeah, I guess that's the case,' as opposed to 'Right, that's how it was designed.' "

"It's what you call style in retrospect only," says Ethan Coen, who produces and shares screenwriting credits with his brother. "At the point of actually making the movie, it's just about making individual choices . . . '

"... about the best way to tell the story, scene by scene," Joel interjects, finishing his brother's sen-

## Their scripts are drum-tight, their stories like fables, but with a modern twist.

tence, as he often does. "You make specific choices that you think are appropriate or compelling or interesting for that particular scene. Then, at the end of the day, you put it all together and somebody looks at it and, if there's some consistency to it, they say, Well, that's their style."

The brothers are talking in their office in an apartment building on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. (Joel and his family live on the Upper West Side as well; Ethan and family live in Kips Bay.) The décor has the secondhand, thrown-together look of a graduate student's off-campus apartment. The brothers, too, could pass for the students they once were. Joel, a product of New York University's film school, is in jeans and sweatshirt and wears a ponytail and the beginnings of a Vandyke beard. Ethan, his face wreathed in a mop of light brown curls and matching beard, appears bookish and mussed, much as he might have while cramming for his finals at Princeton, where he studied philosophy. But you wouldn't immediately take them for brothers. Maybe roommates. Where Joel is tall, dark and talkative. Ethan is slight of build, pallid and sparing of words. High on a shelf behind them looms

replica of the Paul Bunyan statue that seems to place "Fargo" in the realm of tall tales. Yet the film's framework is actually a crime story based on real events that the Coens say occurred in 1987: a tale of a sappy suburban car dealer (played by William H. Macy) who is so deep in debt that he arranges to have his wife kidnapped -- "a no-rough-stuff type deal," he insists - in order to collect the ransom money from his rich father-in-law (Harve Presnell).

It's what the Coens hang on that framework, however, that gives "Fargo" the Coen look. As the abduction scheme goes awry with horrific results, the story line also takes unexpected turns, toward the farcical and the strange. One running joke has the pregnant investigator, Chief Marge Gunderson (played by Frances McDormand, Joel Coen's wife) periodically chowing down with her stolid husband. Norm. a postage-stamp designer and fellow gourmand. Then there are the bad guvs, a constantly annoyed smalltime hood (Steve Buscemi), maybe the only sane character in the crowd. and his partner (Peter Stormare), a seemingly lobotomized specimen of depravity with a hankering for pancakes. Sprinkled throughout are a handful of the Coen brothers' trademark set-piece scenes, like one involving a too-cheerful Japanese-American with a Nordic accent. emotional problems and a tendency to look up old high school classmates for dates.

"Fargo," then, follows in the Coens' eccentric tradition. But even as it stands as a sort of Minnesota homecoming for the brothers, it may also represent a turning point. The Coens, after all, largely made their names as Wunderkinder, brash youths who took from old movies to make something new. But they're not kids anymore. Joel is 41. Ethan is 38. Both are married now and each has a child (Ethan's arrived in January). They may be iconoclasts, but they're established iconoclasts, with six films to their joint credit and a firm place in the movie industry. "Fargo" is thus in many ways a Midwest passage to their mature years, where judgments about a ca-

reer begin to solidify. The path that brought them to "Fargo" has been anything but straight; though all their films have an edgy feel, no two have been quite alike. "I have trouble finding a thematic through-line in their work," says Mr. Macy, speaking from Cologne, Germany, where he is filming a BBC mini-series. "They have such an indefatigable knowledge of the history of genres that it seems to me they simply say, 'Let's do this kind of

movie or let's do that one.' " The record seems to bear that out. The Coens broke into the limelight in 1984 with "Blood Simple," a lurid tale of adultery and revenge set in

"I don't think there's a thread, at of film festivals that year, including New York's, not only announced the debut of fresh talent but introduced the various elements of what would become the Coen brothers stamp: storytelling soaked in a genre, in this case 1940's film noir, but given a modern spin; a bold visual style, often expressing itself in unexpected points of view, and a shock-them-tillthey-laugh sensibility, as displayed in a seriocomic sequence in which & killer's victim refuses to die until he

is finally buried alive. Next, in 1987, came "Raising Arizona," a bleak screwball comedy about an infertile trailer-park couple (Holly Hunter and Nicolas Cage) who abduct one of a rich family's quintuplets. That was followed, in 1990, by "Miller's Crossing," a moody, lushly filmed attempt to create a classic gangster movie with literary flair. The movie may be best remembered for its opening shot of Gabriel Byrne's windblown black hat scuttling along the ground and a gripping scene in a lonely wood in which a double-crossing hoodlum (John Turturro) cravenly pleads with his executioner to spare him.

The Coens changed directions again in 1991 with their most criticalty acclaimed film, "Barton Fink." This was an exercise in 1940's naturalism, but it was also a dark, sometimes surrealistic, satire of Hollywood, telling the story of a pompously idealistic screenwriter suffering writer's block in a hellish hotel room with a genial serial killer living next Film Festival that year, the film took the prizes for best film, best direction and best performance by an actor (Mr. Turturro in the title role). It was the first such sweep in the festival's history.

Two years later, defying categorization one more time, the Coens came out with "The Hudsucker Proxy," an elaborately stylized comedy set in a 1950's Manhattan reimagined as an Art Deco fantasy. The movie, a valentine to the fasttalking social comedies of Frank Capra, Preston Sturges and Howard Hawks in the 30's and 40's, was a sendup of corporate greed in which Paul Newman played the cigarsmoking heavy. Costing about \$30 million, the movie was also a financial departure for the Coens, whose earlier films had been shot on relatively small budgets.

But despite Mr. Newman's marquee name, the film was a flop at the box office and generally got poor reviews. The main complaint: These aren't flesh-and-blood characters; they're cartoons.

The Coens have always had their detractors. The brief against them is that they're too clever by half, that their films are show-offy, self-congratulating and at bottom coldhearted and condescending toward their characters. The film critic Stanley Kauffmann, for one, began his review of "Barton Fink" in The New "those arty nuisances, Joel and Ethan Coen, are back." He still has little good to say about them. "I think they're pretentious, affected bores," Mr. Kauffmann says.

Mr. Gilmore, of the Sundance festival, says the Coens don't deserve such attacks. "One of the most unfortunate things about American culture," he says, "is this knee-jerk anti-intellectualism, this knee-jerk anti-artiness, in which, when someone tries to do something different, they're branded as pretentious."

A good part of the film world intelligentsia - the academics and the critics in the mainstream press and the small film journals — would side with Mr. Gilmore. Indeed, the Coens' admirers almost invariably begin with the kind of exclamations found in movie ad blurbs. "Geniuses," they'll say. "Brilliant." "Their films have some of the canniest screenwriting around," Mr. Peña says.

Cinéastes are one thing, however; mass audiences are something else. As the critic John Powers put it, the Coens' work "is lavishly admired in Manhattan and West Los Angeles but ignored everywhere in between." The readership of The Nation, after all, won't fill the cineplexes. Only "Raising Arizona" made real money in Hollywood terms (\$22 million). "Hudsucker" grossed a paltry \$3 million domesti-

Yet the Coens keep coming back. The cynical explanation is that the brothers, as Mr. Powers wrote, offer their patrons "the cachet of artistic respectability." But Russell Schwartz, the president of Gramercy Pictures, which financed "Fargo" and is distributing it, says it's more about recognizing genius. "There are some people who you simply must continue a relationship with," he says, "and the Coen brothers are among them." From a business standpoint, he adds, "if one movie of theirs doesn't work, the next one will. Over the long term

we'll come out fine." The Coens themselves say the reception they get, both good and bad, surprises them.

"The ambition is just to tell a story, an interesting story with interesting characters," Ethan says bluntly. But he concedes that in telling a story, he and his brother don't feel bound by formulas. "We'll do Texas. The film, shown at a hapdful things that are less pat than critics



door. At the Cannes International Joel, left, and Ethan Coen in their office on Riverside Drive in Manhattan-Working intuitively.

or audiences are used to," he says. "A lot of people just accept that and appreciate the story in the spirit in which it's offered, but then there are those who want to either spit it out or chew it and turn it into something that they can accommodate more easily, which is weird."

Joel puts it another way: "We're more reluctant to offer cues as to how the audience is supposed to react in different situations, which confuses certain people."

Why avoid offering cues? Joel searches for an answer. "It's not a question of not being willing to follow conventions as it is, um" - he turns to Ethan — "Jeez, what is it, Eeth? It's just that there's nothing interesting to us about being as formulaic as a lot of Hollywood movies."

The brothers acknowledge that their films invite a highbrow critique now and then, but they profess innocence of any high-art intentions. "We

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got some very interesting interpretations of 'Barton Fink,' " Joel says, turning to Ethan and laughing. "What was that by that French critic? God checks into a hotel? He had it all worked out. In a way, it was much more clever than anything we could have come up with."

The Coens' ambiguity may even lead their backers to see a finished movie as something other than what was intended. Gramercy Pictures, for instance, is promoting "Fargo" as "an offbeat comedy," Mr. Schwartz says. But that's not how the Coens approached the film. "When we were writing 'Fargo' or

'Miller's Crossing' or 'Blood Simple,' we weren't thinking, Oh, we're writing a comedy," Joel says, "even though some people characterized them as dark comedies or black comedies or whatever."

alive to the comic possibilities pre-

sented by a situation," Ethan says. "Yeah," adds Joel. "We're not trying to gag things up. It's not our design to have punch lines or deliver

"On the other hand." Ethan notes, laughing, "I don't think you'd catch us editing out things, which we thought were funny, in order to keep a consistent tone."

Whether working in the editing room, on the set or in their Riverside Drive office, the Coens are by all accounts entirely in sync as film makers, a compatibility rooted in their boyhoods in St. Louis Park, where the brothers, the sons of nowretired college professors, spent summers together making Super-8 movies of their friends. What makes them click? "We're asked that a lot," Ethan says, "and I guess I "It's more a question of being should have a pat answer by now,

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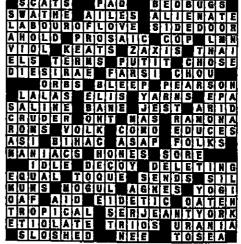
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



# Quiz show on religion is unquestionable success

A new US game show has both contestants and audiences inspired, Marilyn Henry reports from New York

THE contestant was not inspired. The clock was ticking, but he had no idea who had offered to grant Salome any wish after seeing her dance.

"Herod!" said the challenger in the next seat, beaming triumphantly with the correct answer, just one in a series of matches of biblical prowess earli-er this month as 135 people auditioned to appear on Inspiration. Please, the first religion game show on American television.

The producers of the cable TV program were in Manhattan looking for 54 people to compete on the quiz show, which offers an expenses-paid trip for two to "the Holy Land" as the first prize.

This is, in a way, religion for the masses. "We're trying to take religion out of the solemn and scary," said Don Epstein, the show's producer. 'The point is to make religion entertaining."

Q: If Esau and Jacob were pro-

fessionul baseball players, what American team would they join? A: The Minnesota Twins.

WITH A Christian stand-up comedian named Robert G. Lee as host, Inspiration, Please debuted last fall on cable TV's Faith & Values Channel. Twelve half-hour games were broadcast, and they were popular enough to warrant 52 weeks' worth of quiz shows. That brought Epstein to

Manhattan in search of contes-

Richard Thaler, a Conservative rabbi from the Sutton Place Synagogue on New York's East Side, said with a chuckle that he tried out for the show because the auditions were held within walking distance of his home.

He made the cut, but seminary training is no guarantee of success. Last fall, a nun lost out to a computer programmer. Contestants wore white, blue and clerical collars, and included a bus driver, firefighter, lawyers and social

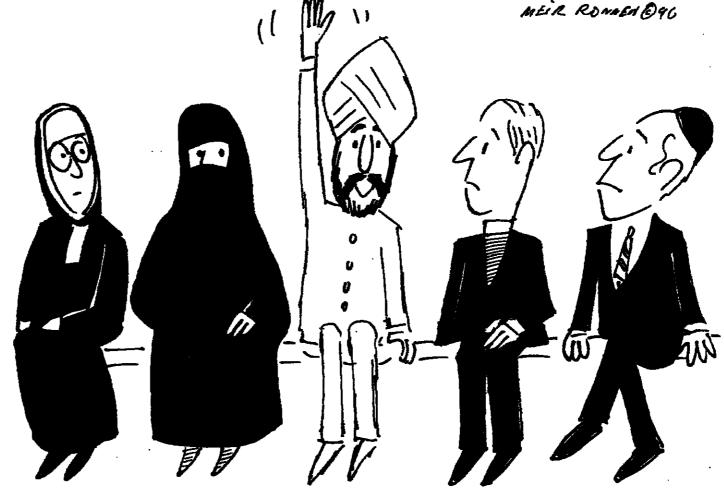
The questions for the show are developed by a panel of writers who, like Epstein, are game-show veterans. The questions are authenticated by a panel of experts who ensure that there is only one right answer and that the question is not subject to a variety of sectarian interpretations.

The show does not proselytize, Epstein said. Nor is it a Bible quiz. "It's entertainment," he said. But every question has to have some remote relation to religion. and some of them are remote. Q: In what film did Burt Lancaster play a 1920s evange-

THE IDEA of a game show may seem to trivialize or mock religion, but Epstein defended it.

list? A: Elmer Gantry.

"A game show on religion is a viable way of promoting biblical and religious literacy," he said between auditions, adding, The best way to teach is to use



Of course, those who came to audition would not dispute the

premise, and they were out to have a good time. "I don't think fun is sacrile-

gious," said contender Catherine Furlani, of Glen Rock, New

Jersey, a family counselor for the Catholic Church.

"You will always find people who will come down on efforts to make religion popular," Thaler said, adding, "One thing that struck me favorably was that so many questions were about Judaism. Q: At what age does a Jewish boy have a bar mitzva?

DURING the New York auditions, the material seemed to be split evenly between Judaism and Christianity, with an occasional

question about Sikhism and Islam thrown in.

However, the scientists behind

the research stress that a genetic

test could also give early warning

A genetic link between suicide

and depression has long been sus-

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in families: Ernest Hemingway, his

father and brother all shot them-

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David Nutt and colleagues at the

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of Mental Health, were led to their

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for the increased risk.

and save lives.

The Judaica doesn't stump the Christian contestants, Epstein said. In the New York area, Christians know an enormous amount about Jewish customs, history and folklore. That is due,

in part, he said, to the large Jewish population in the region, and because Christians read the Tanach as well as the New

Testament. Some of the Jews were on

shakier ground. "Frankly, I would have never known that one of [Jesus'] wise men was named Caspar," Thaler

"They used some long Latin word I never heard and said, Does the pope wear it, say it or eat it?' Seymour Scharf, a retired businessman from Queens, said after he auditioned.

Q: Who said, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away?"

"That question on Job — if you've ever been to a Jewish funeral, you knew the answer," The show's creators, the Faith &

Values Channel, is a cable TV venture operated by a consortium of 64 Protestant, Jewish, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox groups. The channel has some 25 million subscribers in markets across the US, according to the Episcopal News Service.

Although its programs are pre-dominantly Christian, the channel also offers Mormon, Jewish and Islamic shows in a mix of religious and family-oriented programing. And then there is the

Given America's game-showmad culture, some asked why it had taken religious broadcasters so long to jump on the bandwag-

"When you use a vehicle like this, you can reach the entire country," said Thaler. "I think there is a role for it."

Q: Is "Hatikva" Israel's national flag, national anthem or national tree?

## Court protects water in Safed

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE laws protecting water from pollution received a boost with last month's court decision over the disposal of sewage in a new davelopment: projection based with the Safed may not add any more occupants to the houses under construction in Nof Kinarot until facilities are in place sewage.

Some 200 residential units are under construction at Nof Kinarot - a new development area on the road between Safed and Rosh Pina on the slopes overlooking the Kinnerer. At present 80 units have been completed, of which 79 are already occupied. The remaining 120, most of which have been bought, are due to be completed shortly. An unspecified number of "Build Your Own Home" units are also slated to be built.

The problem is that the sewage purification system of Safed is inadequate for even its present load and cannot absorb another 120 to 250 families. As it is, a surplus of untreated sewage flows into the nearest wadi or seeps from temporary cesspools.

Acting for the Ministry of the Environment, attorney Smadar Ze'evi made a strong plea to the court to halt the continued development of Nof Kinarot until proper sewage disposal could be guar-

In his ruling, the judge pointed out that, whereas a lack of roads, telephones, electricity and other parts of normal infrastructure would prevent people from moving in to a new place, most householders would not be aware of a lack of proper sewage treatment.

This case is not unique. Up and down the country settlements are built and areas developed without attention to sewage disposal. In fact there are few places on either side of the Green Line where sewage treatment is actually equal to the need. And as fast as sewage treatment plants are built they are inadequate due to the growth in population.

This- is especially a matter for concern in the Kinneret becauseit is the country's principal water reservoir. But it is no less important in other places because polluted water running down wadis and seeping from cesspools usually winds up polluting underground aquifers. Over the years a large number of wells that once gave fresh water have been sealed because of pollution.

Israel has very good environmental protection laws. But until the last few years the law has been honored far more often in the breach than in compliance. That is why the present stand of the Environment Ministry and incidentally, of the Israel Union For Environmental Defense are so very welcome. At last some concerned parties, including enlightened judges, are adding some real teeth to the enforcement of the environmental laws.

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeals. before the president, Justice Aharon Barak, and justices Gavriel Bach and Eliyahu Mazza, in the matter of the State of Israel, appellant, and the late Yisrael Weismark and Shevah respondents (Cr.

HE respondents were convicted in Tel Aviv Municipal Affairs Court of operating Paraentry shops in res-idential premises without a permit, in contravention of section 204(a) of the Planning and Building Law of 1965. Their appeal to the District Court was upheld, and the state appealed to the Supreme Court.

Yisrael Weismark died before judgment was delivered, and the Supreme Court granted his counsel's request to strike out the appeal in Weismark's case, thus confirming his acquittal by the District Court. Rafael held a license for his

carpentry shop under the Mandatory Trades and Industries (Regulation) Ordinance, and later under the Licensing of Businesses Law of 1968. The District Court accepted his evidence that he genuinely believed that his license, which was granted for an unlimited time, made it unnecessary for him to obtain a permit under the Planning Law as well. Moreover, the court agreed that he had raised this point with a municipal official, who confirmed that the permit was unnecessary under the Planning Law.

On the basis of the above facts, the District Court allowed the appeal under section 208(b) of the Planning Law. That section affords a defense to a charge under section 204 if the offense was committed without the defendant's knowledge, or he took all appropriate steps to prevent its commission.

JUSTICE BACH delivered the first judgment of the court. He found no reason, he said, to differ from the District Court's view of the facts. However, the state had submitted that even if Rafael had acted in good faith, his mistaken view of the law did not assist him since section 12 of the Penal Law of 1977 provided that ignorance of the law was no defense unless knowledge of the law was expressly made an element of the crime.

The court had held that a confirmed town-planning scheme was to be regarded as a statute, and the state argued, therefore, that section 12 applied.

Citing Israeli, English and US precedents and authorities, he analyzed the distinction between

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excuse a crime - and mistakes of fact which could do so. As the late justice Moshe Silberg once held, the principle in section 12 officially recognized accepted norms of good

and bad. A man was presumed to know that murder, rape and bigamy were crimes. He could also be presumed to know, other than the Penal Law of 1977, and also town-planning schemes, were to be observed. That principle, however, did not apply to matters outside the Law in question, which could be described as quasi-offenses.

Rafael made no mistake as to the necessity for a permit under the planning scheme. His mistake was believing that his business license was sufficient to cover that permit too. That was a mistake of fact, outside the scope of the Planning Law, and not one of law within the meaning of section 12.

Under section 146 of the Planning Law, the local authority, in this case the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Čity Council, which under that Law serves as the local planning committee, is authorized to issue a permit for nonconforming use of premises. It is true the approval of the District Planning Commission is also required. However, the fact that the same authority issued Rafael the business license, contributed to the

Moreover, Rafael was misled by the municipal official whom he consulted, a factor which, under US law, would make his mistake one of fact and not of

Justice Bach cited sections 34-18(a) and 19 of the Penal Law (Amendment No.39) (Introductory and General Provisions) of 1994, under which, broadly speaking, a person is relieved of criminal liability for an act based on a state of affairs which he mistakenly, but reasonably, believed

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He added that, under section 5(a) of the same amending Law, a defendant is entitled to the benefit of legislation subsequent to his offense but before the court's final judgment. That seemed to make Rafael's position better than it would have been under the former section 12 of the Penal

Justice Bach held, therefore. that both provisions of section 208(b) of the Planning Law had been fulfilled. Moreover, neither the principles relating to a mistake of law in the former section 12 of the Penal Law nor those is the above-quoted sections of the 1994 amending Law, affected that conclusion. He accordingly proposed that the appeal be dis-

JUSTICE MAZZA dissented from his colleague. He did not agree that Rafael's mistake in believing that his business license rendered a permit under the Planning Law unnecessary. was a mistake of fact, being something outside or external to the Planning Law.

He agreed that the distinction between a mistake external to a statute and one falling under section 12 of the Penal Law was sometimes difficult. In the present case, however, after citing precedents, he ruled the necessity for a permit and the penalty for acting without one were clear and integral provisions of the Planning Law itself, and the citizen was under no less an obligation than the relevant authorities to ensure that its provisions were observed.

He also emphasized that the municipality and the planning authorities were separate and distinet. It was true the municipal council acted as the local planning commission, but they were not the same legal body. Moreover, the local commission's decisions required the district commission's confirmation. The legislature could have pro-

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Law that a license would include a permit under the Planning Law, but it did not do so. The fact that Rafael failed to ascertain from the planning authorities whether a permit was necessary made it clear that he did not take "all appropriate steps" as required by section 208(b) of the Planning Law. He was obliged to clarify the position both with the municipality and the planning authorities, and this he did not do. He then dealt with Rafael's

defense that he was misled by some municipal official. Citing Israeli, English, US and Canadian authorities, he held there was not a shred of evidence to provide the required factual were his authority and standing, what inquiries did he make, did he consult the relevant plan before replying. That some anonymous official expressed an opinion was certainly no answer to Rafael's mistake of law as to his statutory obligations.

Justice Bach, he said, referred to sections 34-18(a) and 19 of the amending Law, and held that Rafael had acted reasonably. In his opinion, the extremely cursory inquiries which Rafael made regarding the necessity for a permit were very far from reasonable, so the new provisions could not assist him.

In his view, Justice Mazza concluded, Rafael's mistake was a ground for mitigating the sentence he received, but the state's appeal against his acquittal should be upheld.

JUSTICE BARAK found it unnecessary to deal with the law as it was before the 1994 amendment. As to the amending Law, he was of the opinion that

### Rafael's mistake was reasonable. He concurred, therefore, with Justice Bach. IN THE result, and by majority decision, the appeal was dis-Albert Shabtai appeared for the state, and Miriam Varshavsky appeared for the respondents. The judgment was given on January 16, 1996. PEACEMAKERS. PEACEMAKING? BATTLING FOR PEACE BATTLING FOR PEACE-by Shimon Peres. Being at the core of innairs political life since the establishment of the State. Shimon Peres gives in his memoirs a compaling account of history in the making. Herdcover, 389 pp. Published by Weldenfeld & Nicolson, 1995. JP Price NIS 54 THE NEW MIDDLE EAST-by Shimon Peres. This is a blueprint for the dawning of a new age - a visionary maritiesto of current events no one can adord to ignore. Hardcover, 224 pp. Published military heroes and political leaders. Hardcover, 486 pp. Published by Robson, 1963 JP Price NIS 99 Mailing in Israel - NIS 9 per order • Door-to-door delivery (where available) - NIS 15 per order Enclosed is my check payable to The Jerusalem Post, or credit card details: □VISA □ISRACARD □DINERS □AMEX

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Tracking the 'suicide gene'

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"There are many other influences on suicide risk, such as for abuse of such research. drinking, psychological distur-bances and life stress," Nutt said. There is concern that insurance companies may demand mass One approach, he said, is drugs to screenings and refuse life cover to boost 5-HT. those with the gene.

David Shapiro, executive secre-tary of Britain's Nuffield Council on Bioethics, said: "The real issues here are the benefits of having a test of this sort, and to what extent its results could be self-fulfilling. There must be huge questions about whether one s this type of information."

This research is the latest in a flurry of advances in suicide and depression work. Scientists at the University of Illinois in Chicago have developed a blood test to identify people at high risk based on 5-HT levels. They say the probability of suicide in such cases is about 55 percent.

(The Sunday Telegraph)

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

# Domestic deficit at NIS 2.7b.

It earned NIS 8.3b., of which

Since the beginning of the year

expenditures totaled

the government's overall domes-

NIS 19.1b., as opposed to the

Its capital income reached

Shohat told the government

the deficit since the beginning of

the year stemmed primarily from

an accelerated pace of budget ex-

ecution during that period in

comparison with previous years,

while income was lower than the

forecasts of the beginning of the

However, since at this time of

the fiscal year it is too early to

assert whether the annual budget

goal is being breached, the Trea-

sury is stopping short - for the

time being - of revising the bud-

The government has previously

declared 2.5% of GDP as its an-

nual budget deficit goal, or

Bank, a subsidiary of United

Mizrahi Bank, reported a seven

same period last year.

15.3% in 1994.

get, shohat said.

roughly NIS 6b.

the public's contribution stood at

NIS 283 million.

NIS 16.2b. it raised.

NIS 1.2b.

THE government's domestic deficit grew in February by NIS 1.057 billion, and by NIS 2.7b. since the beginning of the year, the Treasury announced yesterday.

The domestic budget deficit net of credit allocations reached NIS 9b. last year, or 3.5% of Gross Domestic Product.

The government's failure last year to meet its own deficit targets was especially alarming, because of its decisive contribution to the current account deficit, which stood at \$4.2b.

If the government's domestic deficit continues to grow at the pace it registered over the first two months of the year, the Treasury will have no choice but to limit the various ministries' new commitments and block their access to surplus funds from last year's budget, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said at the cabinet's weekly session.

In all, the government last month spent NIS 9.4b. domestically.

# Tadiran Telecomm. plans global offering

Hopes to raise between \$75m and \$85m.

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

tions shares, but after the issue its

shares will be diluted to 80%, or

77.67% if the underwriters take

The shares will be offered to

the public in the US, Europe,

Asia and other parts of the world,

through US, European and Asian

advantage of their options.

underwriters.

TADIRAN Telecommunications, a subsidiary of Tadiran, plans to raise between \$75 million and \$85 million through a global offering later this month, the company announced yesterday.

The company submitted a registration statement, including a red herring, to the Securities and Exchange Commission at the start of the month.

The offering is part of Tadiran's plans to increase its involvement in the US and other world

The company plans to issue five million ordinary shares and to grant the underwriters options to purchase an additional 250,000

According to the red herring, the price per share will range from between \$15 and \$17. Tadiran currently controls most of Tadiran Telecommunica-

The global coordinators of the issue are US investment bank Lehman Brothers. The US consortium of under-

writers includes Smith Barney, Furman Selz and Lehman Brothers, while the European consortium includes Lehman Brothers International (Europe) and UBS, one of the largest investment banks in the world.

Handling the Asian consortium are Daiwa Europe, UBS, Lehman Brothers Securities Asia and Koor Underwriters and Issuers.

According to the financial statements included in the red herring, Tadiran Telecommunication's net profits reached \$25.2m. in 1995, while sales totaled \$387.5m.

Tadiran Telecommunications began to operate on April 1, 1995, after Tadiran transferred Tadiran Telecommunications Group activities into a new company in the framework of the parent company's plans to restructure into a holding company.

The company is engaged in the development, manufacturing and marketing of a wide range of telecommunication products.

These include public switching and peripherals, transmission equipment, data communications, telephones and telecommunication systems and network

Board of US fund for Czech and Slovaks resigns: The entire board of directors of a troubled investment fund set up to help the Czech and Slovak republics has resigned, the New York Times reported yesterday. The Czech and Slovak America Enterprise Fund, established by the US Congress in 1989, has invested about \$28 million but is expected to write off about \$10m. in bad investments, the newspaper said.

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

Less than half the mutual funds achieved positive real yields

last month, reflecting the depression on the capital market, the

February. The Mutual Fund General Share Index rose 0.7%.

Court rejects Radio Dan's appeal: The High Court of Justice

Bond funds were the best performers, with a 1% average

return. The share and flexible funds were the poorest

yesterday rejected the appeal by Radio Dan, a company

licensed to provide 057 over-the-phone-information service,

The ministry suspended the company's license because

Radio Dan provided the services through a sub-contracting

must have its own license. The court ruled that Radio Dan

cut off until a police investigation is completed.

violated the terms of its license and required it to pay court

costs. For the time being, Radio Dan's phone lines have been

Payton Planar Magnetics is expected this week to sign a joint

venture agreement with the Taiwanese firm SimCom. Payton-

Taiwan. The initial investment in the factory there will be \$1.5°

A \$120 million Israel Electric Corporation contract for high

**WORLD BRIEFS** 

and low voltage cables has been awarded to Cables of Zion

(40%), Pica Plast (30%) and Kvalim (30%).

Asia will manufacture planar magnetic transformers in

company called ICI. According to the law, any sub-contractor

Meitav announced that 147 of the 308 funds which operated on the market last month achieved positive real yields of 0.7 percent, the expected rise in the Consumer Price Index for

Meitay Consultancy firm reported yesterday.

performers, with average yields of 0.5%.

against the Communications Ministry.

US President Bill Clinton will have to appoint an interim board to decide whether the fund should be shut down or merged with another fund, the Times quoted a spokesman for the Agency for International Development as saying. The fund's chairman, John Petty, was forced out in November after he put his longtime assistant on the fund's payroll, raised her salary and became romantically involved with her, the newspaper said. The replacement chairman disagreed with other board members over how the fund should be run and they all resigned on Tuesday, the paper reported.

Indian rupee's revival catches firms by surprise: The Indian rupee's sudden appreciation against the dollar after a six-month downward spiral has caught firms by surprise and forced the central bank to bity the US currency, exchange dealers said yesterday. The sharp fall in the dollar value has caused panic in the minds of exporters," the Federation of Indian Export Organizations said in a statement. In the first week of February the rupee fell to a record low of 38.35 per dollar, some 22 percent below the rate of about 31.4 at which it held steady for two years until last August.

## FDA decision delayed on Copaxone

RACHEL NEIMAN

TEVA announced yesterday that the US Food and Drug Administration has postponed meetings of its panel that considers neuropharmacology drugs.

Copaxone, Teva's multiple sclerosis drug, was due to be reviewed at the meetings, originally scheduled for March 11 and 12.

The cancellation reportedly reflects scheduling conflicts between. panel members.

Teva is in a silent period prior to buying US generic pharmaceuticals manufacturer Biocraft Laboratories and could not comment on the postponement.

A report by Furman Selz said a June review of Copaxone "is clearly possible. This could lead to a unal approval in the third fourth quarter of this year."

Furman Selz also raised a second possibility; that the FDA panel has made clear its criteria and an approval letter might be issued in late April without the need for panel recommendation.

A third possibility, Furman Selz speculated, "is that the FDA had planned to bring Consxone to the March panel, but a glitch arose in the review process."



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NIS 114.6m. from NIS 102.7m. Profit from financing activities Net return on shareholders equity fell to 14.8% last year from Profit from financing activities

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40.3% growth in net profits to NIS 860,000 last year from NIS 613,000 in 1994.

MANAMA (Reuter) - Bahrain

and Jordan will sign an agree-

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exchanges and cross-list shares of

firms traded on both bourses as

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clined to be identified said.

ance sector, Eitan reported a loss of NIS 4.88m., compared with a profit of NIS 867,000.

Profits from the life insurance sector increased to NIS 13.75m. from NIS 9.96m. Life insurance premiums rose 16.1% to NIS 118.3m. from NIS 102m.

• United Mizrahi Investment Company, a subsidiary of United ed an increase in its net profit to net profits to NIS 10 14m. last NIS 4.16m. from NIS 255,000 in year from NIS 10.44m. in 1994. • Middle East Tube reported a

rise in annual net profits to NIS 21.8m. from NIS 15.14m. in Revenues went up to

zens in the two markets," said a

BSE statement outlining the

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had been discussed and agreed

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(GCC) - in March last year began

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There are 37 firms on the Bah-

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Nationals of the GCC, which

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Last month, Bahrain's cabinet

agreed on a five-year plan to de-

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NIS 208.66m., while earnings per share rose to NIS 0.83 from Matay Cable Communications

suffered a decline in annual net profits to NIS 19.7m. from NIS 27.7m. in 1994. Revenues went

NIS 241.15m. NIS 206.79m., while earnings per share dropped to NIS 0.92 from NIS 1.28.

The company recently joined as a 10% partner in a long-distance provider consortium with Cellcom (44%), Sprint Interna-tional, Deutsche and France Telecom (46% altogether).

• Ashot Ashkelon Industries annet profits were NIS 473,000, compared with net losses of NIS 92.1m. in 1994.

# Company, sector provident funds in danger from proposed law'

COMPANY and sector provident funds will cease to exist as a result of the proposed provident fund law, managers and representatives of company and sector provident funds warned yesterday in a letter to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and the Knesset Finance Committee.

The fund managers fear the proposed law, which the Knesset Finance Committee recently approved in a first reading, will encourage the large banks to swallow up most of the existing sectorial funds and significantly reduce the yields of the remain-

ing sectorial funds. Under the bill, the funds' operating expenses will significantly increase, making it uneconomical to operate small funds, the size of

most of the sector funds. The proposed legislation requires the funds to establish management companies which have

insurance coverage and a minimum capital. The proposal also requires the

funds to appoint outside directors to the board of directors, investment committee and control

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committee and to appoint an internal controller. "The cost of establishing a

management network of this kind can total millions of shekels a year, while in practice most of the funds today operate at a much lower cost," a spokesman for the Sector Provident Fund Association said. "Some even have directors who serve on a volunteer basis and are employed by the funds companies."

There are more than 150,000 company and sector provident fund members saving for their pensions. The funds have accumulated savings of about NIS 20 billion, more than a quarter of the Histadrut pension funds accumulated savings.

The legislation is part of the banking and capital market reforms the government undertook to implement as part of the

dations, which aim to prevent conflicts of interest between the funds and the banks and also reduce large banks concentration of the financial sector.

According to the sector fund managers, their funds are not at risk or conflict of interest since they are not managed by the banks, and in many cases are owned by cooperative societies.

During the last few years the sector funds have achieved relatively high yields, compared with the bank funds.

In addition, in contrast to some funds, like the Histadrut Pension Funds, they have not accumulated large debts.

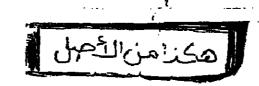
For example, last year the bank funds achieved yields of 2%-3%, while the agency workers fund achieved a yield of 5.2% and Israel Aircraft Industries Fund had a yield of 4.5%.

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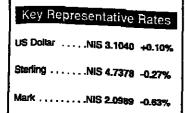
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## Gold futures close lower COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

GOLD futures closed lower on Friday, as traders attempted to push gold below the \$400 level by short-selling and profit-taking, analysts said.

Some traders look for the market to experience a widespread sell-off in the near term, in part due to the lackluster atmosphere in gold trading, analysts said.

Trade sources said that physical demand for gold continues to fall off in the Middle East and Asia, in particular in India.

Silver futures followed gold's lead and also traded lower, as the volatility in the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) continued to affect precious metals, ana-

lysts said. June palladium futures fell on Friday, as good selling came on the back of news of a potential sale of palladium by Russia, which accounts for 65 percent of world production. April platinum traded lower, as the metal followed the general softening of precious metals, in particular the fall of palladium analysts said.

At the close, April gold futures were \$1 lower at \$400.20, while May silver futures were 0.5 cents lower at \$5.540.

April platinum futures were \$1.40 lower at \$412.80, while June palladium futures were \$3.10 lower at \$135.65. Tightness in the copper market on Friday afternoon spurred a continued shortcovering from financial institutions and merchants, pushing high-grade copper to over 80 basis points higher at close, analysts

March copper futures closed 130 points higher at \$1.1805, while May copper futures were 90 points higher at \$1.1620.

Grain futures closed mixed. with corn weaker and wheat firmer as that market moved near session highs at the end. Activity for wheat was scattered, but corn saw solid liquidation, analysts said. At the close, March corn was down 1-3/4 at \$3.93-1/4 per bushel, while March wheat closed up 3 at \$5.15-1/2 per bushel.

Soyoil pushed the soy complex lower on Friday, although meal was able to recover some of its losses, as oil made new contract

The market had no friendly fundamental news, and two soybean reports released on Friday had a mildly negative effect, even though most of the information has already been worked into trade, sources said.

The March soybean contract was down 6-3/4 and closed at \$7.28-1/4 per bushel. Cotton futures settled mostly higher in Friday's session, despite some late pressure from renewed speculative selling.

May hit a late-session low before turning up again to close 0.05 cents firmer at 83.25 cents

World sugar futures settled just off the session high after completely recovering from a sharp early session liquidation break. The May sugar futures contract settled 5 points higher at 11.65 cents -just off the session high of 11.68 cents. The low was 11.34

Courtesy of Michael Zwebner. CommStock Trading Ltd.

## VW: Report on charges against Lopez

terday dismissed as speculation a

Darmstadt prosecutors planned to file charges against Lopez in July. It said prosecutors were investigating charges of fraud, theft and

Wachs said this was speculation and noted that the Frankfurt prosecutors' office said at the start of the year that no decision would be made on whether to file charges

The so called "Lopez Affair" has been dragging on since 1993, when

they moved to VW. VW has rejected the charges.

# New Australian leader seen beginning market reforms

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Australia's new conservative Prime Minister John Howard will likely relax policy in the banking and media sectors while trimming the budget deficit, but analysts warned he could also incite a new era of labor unrest.

Following the landslide general election victory of Howard's Liberal-National parties' coalition on Saturday, economists also cautioned that interest rates were unlikely to fall under a Howard government in 1996 due to a potential backlash by unions.

"Under a coalition government, the already very low probability of any near-term reduction in official interest rates will diminish further," said Haralabopoulos, chief economist at fund manager GIO Asset

Australia Ltd. Business lobby groups yesterday said the new government's main priorities should be reducing the budget deficit and tackling

labor market reforms. "They must set out to get the changes they require to get the budget back into surplus," Ian Salmon, president of the Business Council of Australia, said in a

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TOKYO (Reuter) - Japan's main opposition vowed yesterday to do all it could to block the

budget and its provision of 685 billion yen

use of taxpayers' money to liquidate the jusen

[housing loan firms], said Takashi Yonezawa,

secretary general of the opposition Shinshinto

Today "will be the day of showdown," he

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's coali-

tion government says it wants to pass the bud-

get through the lower house in the next few

days and has a clear majority in both houses of

But analysts believe any attempt to bulldoze

it through parliament could fan the anger of

voters already upset by the housing loan

added in a television interview, without elabo-

rating on what the opposition would do.

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"Clearly it has been time for a change," said Salmon of Howard's stunning polls win, which ended 13 years of Labor

government rule. Economists also fear the uncertain relationship between Howard and the nation's unions. Severe strikes plagued Howard's last stint in power, as treasurer from 1977

The chief of Australia's main union body, the Australian Council of Trade Unions, has warned of industrial warfare and wage claims of 20 to 30 percent under a coalition government.

As a result, the central Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), which attempts to hold underlying infla-tion in a narrow 2-3% target range, will keep an eye on potential wage increases and their on inflation, Haralabopoulos said.

The uncertainty associated with the size of wage outcomes under a coalition government will be a key issue for the RBA."

Storm clouds were already gathering after the Maritime Union of Australia warned it would mount a massive campaign against

planned coalition government changes to shipping policy, which it said were designed to destroy the union.

The Howard government also plans a controversial privatization of one-third of Australia's telephone company, Telstra Corp, and the sale of public assets totalling at least A\$15 billion (US\$11 billion) in its first term.

But Howard may have trouble passing legislation for the A\$8 billion Telstra sale through the Senate, mostly due to opposition to his plans to finance his environment initiatives with A\$1b. in funds from the Telstra float.

have warmed to Howard's policies, which are expected to spur the stock market with a boost in takeover activity by relaxing rules governing cross media ownership. foreign investment and bank Howard has said he would hold

Financial markets, nevertheless,

an inquiry into media cross-ownership laws and foreign investment limitations. He has described current media ownership laws as "unworkable" and is expected to make foreign ownership more transparent.

recent weeks on speculation that a coalition government would take a more benign view toward consolidation in the banking industry. possibly allowing a merger between two of Australia's "Big Four" banks.

Bank stocks have also risen in

Brokers said the recent snaring of a 5.8% stake in Sydney-based St George Bank by Australia's largest bank, National Australia Bank, reflects an expectation in the market that bank merger regulations may be relaxed under Howard.

Analysts are also focused on whether Howard will meet his stated aim of achieving an underlying budget surplus in his first fiscal budget (July-June 1996/97). The outgoing Labor government has estimated the underlying deficit, which excludes the effects of asset sales, at A\$8.2b. for

1996/97. Other changes expected from Howard's new government include a waiver of the capital gains tax for small business, as part of the Liberal-National coalition's attempt to prod small business activity, and possible reforms to the fringe benefits tax.

### Japan's opposition vows to block budget The budget bill for the year beginning on from an Asia-Europe summit in Bangkok, April 1 is under heavy attack, because it man-

(\$6.85 billion) - equivalent to 5,500 yerr (\$55) ers' money to help wind up the mortgage firms for every Japanese - for winding up seven and pay off their huge amounts in unrecover-A nationwide poll last week showed 87 per-We will resort to various means to block the passage of the budget which contains the cent of voters opposed using taxpayers'

The opposition wants to let the firms go bankrupt but the coalition says that could hit

dates the use of the 685 billion yen in taxpay-

the banks and other financial institutions which founded them and cause fiscal chaos. Mortgage firms lavishly extended loans during the 1980s "bubble economy" of soaring property prices. The bursting of the bubble left

many borrowers incapable of repaying. "We now know we must work to secure public understanding of the scheme," said Shigeru Ito of the Socialist party, a partner in the coalition with the prime minister's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and the small

Sakigake Party, an LDP splinter group. Shortly before returning home yesterday

Hashimoto told reporters he would not bow to pressure to shelve, freeze or scrap the mortgage firm scheme.

To our regret, there is no alternative ... We must not delay the introduction of public funds," Hashimoto said.

"We want to pass the budget with no amendments," Seiichi Ikehata of the Socialist party said on television. "If we delay the passage of the budget, it could trigger havoc in the financial system and national economy."

The opposition hopes to use the controversy to press for an early general election. "We should have an early general election, because the public is growing all the more angry with the jusen scheme," Shinshinto's Yonezawa

Analysts believe that Hashimoto, who took over as prime minister from Socialist Tomiichi Murayama only two month ago, is ill-prepared to fight an election at this stage because of the jusen row. An election need not be called until

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Two-sided trading

AFTERNOON

## Bomb, NY losses send shares down

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ Two-Sided Index Maof Index

STOCK indexes fell yesterday, following declines in Israeli companies listed in New York over the

weekend. The losses were compounded as the car bomb in Jerusalem raised concern that the Labor party - and the peace process it has pursued -

may be faltering.
The declines would have happened without the terrorist attack, because of New York," said Avi Meir, as investment manager at Israel's General Bank. "The attack contributed to the losses."

The Maof Index fell 1.52 percent to 216.30, and the Two-Sided Index dropped 1.66% to 207.53. Out of 988 issues trading across the exchange, more than five times as many fell as rose.

Some NIS 90 million worth of shares traded, NIS 400,000 below last Thursday's level and about NIS 10m. above last week's trad-

Declining shares on the Maof included Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which fell 0.75%, and Koor Industries Ltd.,

which dropped 2.5%. Koor's American Depositary Receipts traded in New York fell to 20 on Friday from 201/2 on Wednesday, the last day of trading to influence Tel Aviv. Teva's ADRs fell to 43 on Friday from

431/2 on Wednesday. "Koor and Teva suited themselves to their prices on Wall

Street," said Meir. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange rose following last week's double suicide bombing attacks as investors followed gains in Wall

"Our market isn't independent

from New York," said Idan

Azoulay, a portfolio manager at Tel Aviv firm BLT Erech Securities & Investments Ltd. Last week, investors saw New York had a good day, and couldn't leave such a gap. This week, there was in immediate response to the bombing, combined with losses in New York,"

A Likud victory could hurt stocks, said BLT Erech's Azoulay. "Our market liked the idea that Peres would win," he said, "Now, there's talk of changing leadership and slowing down the peace process - the market doesn't like

The two parties are seen as having similar economic policies, Azoulay added.

In any case, said David Rosenberg, head of research at Herzliva investment firm Pacific Mediterranean, "the bombing has to undermine foreign investment, You can't keep waking up on Sunday morning and hearing these things without thinking

twice.' Share prices with losses includ-ed Cial (Israel) Ltd., which fell 1.5%. Clal subsidiary Clal Electronic Ltd. decreased 2.75%. Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim

both fell 2%. Bezeq went down 2%. Osem Investments Ltd. fell 1% and Elite Ltd. dropped 2.25%.

Two companies rose on the Maof Index. They were chemical companies Dead Sea Bromine Co., which

rose 1.25%, and Dead Sea Works Ltd., which went up 0.75%. Chemical companies are expected to report rising profits, said Pacific Mediterranean's

## **Air-India threatens** to lock out workers

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - Air-India has threatened to lock out aircraft maintenance workers unless they call off a strike which the state-owned airline said is costing it three million rupees (\$90,000) a day, news

reports said yesterday.

The airline suspended 12 engineers and told 23 others not to report. to work after they took part in the strike which has forced the company, to cut back on flights, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

About 500 members of the Air-India Aircraft Engineers Association have been on strike since February 26, demanding a pay rise, Financial Express newspaper said.

PTI quoted Air-India managing director Brijesh Kumar as saying management "would be forced to declare a lock-out if this kind of response continued".

The striking workers have rejected the airline's proposal to link wage rises to productivity increases. Since February 26, Air-India has cut 40 of 140 flights by reducing flight frequencies to certain places, PTI said. Newspapers said Air-India was negotiating with Middle Eastern and

European airlines to operate on its behalf in case it was forced to lock out maintenance workers.

Airline officials could not be reached for comment.

## Algeria seeks foreign cash for energy industry

ALGIERS (Reuter) - Algeria is said. seeking foreign investors to develop its petrochemical indus-try, exploit its known gas reserves, increase recovery rates in existing oil fields and find new ones, its energy minister said.

"It is now accepted that Algeria has the experience and the credibility... Algeria is located near the market, and everybody is interested because of lower costs," Amar Makhloufi said over the weekend.

The North African OPEC member has signed deals totalling more than \$5 billion during the last three months with British Petroleum , French Total, and Arco of the US to develop and upgrade gas and oil fields in the

Makhloufi said it planned to open more fields to foreign investors.

"Our goal is to exploit all our known gas reserves," Makhloufi said. "We know that our gas reserves around [southern provinces] of Ain Salah and Adrar are not exploited so we want to develop all known gas reserves.

"On the other hand, we aim to increase oil field recuperation rate in the same way [as] for Rhourd Baguel," he said, referring to a field where Algeria expects to double recovery rates after its more than \$1 billion deal with Arco last month.

"If we succeed in this kind of operations then we would be reassured in developing this process, this trend, to other fields.

"Our goal is to reach between 40 and 45 percent or perhaps 50% in increasing the total oil recuperation rate in the already exploited fields," Makhloufi said.

Other gas and oil fields would be offered to potential investors, and the government would continue to propose more exploration contracts for oil firms.

We have deliberately suspended projects we had discussed with other firms, but now we will certainly open them again to try to reach more deals over fields like Rhourd Baguel," the minister

Algeria's oil and gas industry plans to invest nearly \$18 billion over the next five years to build more facilities, gas pipelines and complete a Liquefied Natural Gas plant and other projects.
"Between 16% and 20% of the

amount will come from foreign investors...." Makhloufi said. "Oil firms are ready, I think, to

invest in the exploration because they do know they are sure to easily export the production through facilities already in place," he commented

Algeria planned to attract foreign investors in "heavy projects" at its main petrochemical com-plexes on its Mediterranean coast, like those in Arzew, Skikda and

Bejaia.
"We have a program and an ambition to expand the partnership into the petrochemical indus-try and to build petrochemical factories," Makhloufi said. "We have all the necessary

advantages to develop the petrochemical industry, with our industrial zones already working. Everybody know Skikda, Arzew and Bejaia. We have in these areas all kind of gas and oil products and we have grounds and ports for this end." Foreign oil and gas firms seem

to take in their stride Algeria's four-year-old civil strife, primarily between security forces and Moslem fundamentalists, in which more than 50,000 people have been killed, including more than 100 foreigners.

Algeria discovered about 1.5 billion barrels of oil equivalent in 1994 and 2.5 billion in 1995.

"The period of great results will be in 1998-2000," said the minis-

He said Algeria's production in 1995 was estimated at 160 million barrels of oil equivalent compared to about 154 million in 1994.

Its energy exports were worth between \$9.6 billion and \$9.8b., he said, adding that exports took only half output, with 50% being used in conserving the fields.

only speculation FRANKFURT (Reuter) - Germany's Volkswagen AG yes

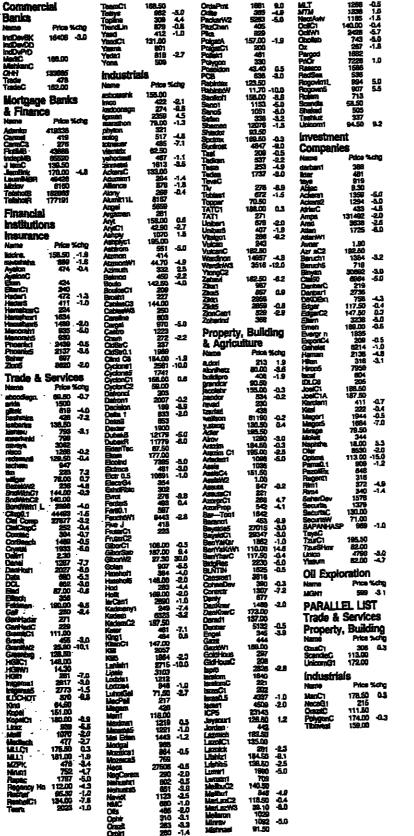
report that its purchasing manager Jose Ignacio Lopez de Arriortua would be charged with industrial espionage in early summer.

The Welt am Sonntag said.

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VW spokesman Otto Ferdinand against Lopez until the summer.

General Motors accused Lopez and seven other former GM managers of stealing secret GM documents when



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LONDON (Reuter) - Two goals foot shot which Villa's Australian from Robbie Fowler and one from Steve McManaman - all scored inside the opening eight minutes - gave Liverpool a 3-0 win over Aston Villa yesterday to keep the team in the hunt for the English league title.

The result stretched Liverpool's unbeaten run to 16 matches and moved it on to 55 points from 28 games - six behind leaders Newcastle (61 points) which plays second-placed Manchester United (57) today.

Liverpool could hardly have hoped for a better start against a fourth-placed Villa side which came into the match boasting the best defensive record in the league having conceded only 21

But within eight minutes that record was shot to pieces as first McManaman after two minutes, then Fowler after five and eight minutes, found gaping holes in the Villa defense.

McManaman fired home a well taken volley created by John Barnes, and Fowler made it 2-0 with a superbly taken individual goal, rounding defender Steve Stannton with a deft touch before blasting the ball home with a powerful 20-meter left-footed

With Villa still reeling from that double blow, Fowler took his tally for the season to 29 when he made it 3-0 with an angled leftgoalkeeper Mark Bosnich failed

Villa came back into the match more in the second half and Savo Milosevic went close in the 72nd minute but saw his shot beaten away for a corner by Liverpool goalkeeper David James. A few minutes later defender Gareth Southgate headed against James's left-hand post,

Fowler, voted the man of the match, said that Liverpool had still not given up hope of landing its first title since 1990.

"We just have to keep playing like that and hope that the two teams in front of us start slipping

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 0. Division One: Grimsby 0, Sunderland 4; Ipswich 4, Leicester 2; Oldham 1, Tranmere 2. Sco bernian 0, Rangers 2

### Premier League

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# Pakistan crushes injury-hit England

KARACHI (Reuter) - Saced Anwar struck 71 and Ijaz Ahmed hammered 70 to propel World Cup champions Pakistan to a seven-wicket victory over injury troubled England in their group B match vesterday.

After England squandered a chance of setting Pakistan a big target, the home side sealed its win by sweeping to 250 for three with 14 balls to spare.

Inzamam-ul-Haq pounded the England bowling to finish with 53 not out and the old warhorse Javed Miandad (11 not out) was also there to savor Pakistan's victory in what was probably his last international appearance in front of his home crowd.

The 31,000 spectators had been chanting Miandad's name all day. Clearly moved by the warmth of the reception, he responded by raising his bat to them before tak-

ing strike. England made 249 for nine off their 50 overs after frittering away the advantage of a fine opening stand of 147 by captain Mike Atherton (66) and Robin Smith (75).

It was England's last group match and although it has qualified for the quarter-finals it failed to impress in the first round of the tournament, beating only minnows the United Arab Emirates 29 5 4 20 29 58 19 and the Netherlands.

To add to England's woes, Smith and Neil Fairbrother form. limped off the field in pain when Pakistan batted.

Smith's problem turned out to be severe cramp but Fairbrother's hamstring injury was more serious and may rule him out of the rest of tournament.

"We'll make a final decision tomorrow, but if we don't think he'll be fit in a couple of days then we will probably apply for a replacement," said England team manager Ray Illingworth.

When England won the toss, Atherton and Smith confidently set about the Pakistani bowling and notched up their 147-run partnership in 29 overs.

Smith, who top scored with his dashing 75, was making his first appearance in the Cup following injury problems. Atherton's 66

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\*-Sri Lanka's total includes wins by walk-over for matches forfelted by Australia and West Indies.

marked a welcome return to

A hook for six off Wagar Younis early on signaled that Smith meant business and he raced to his 50 in 60 balls with six fours and a six. Smith began to suffer from cramps towards the end of his innings and had to call for a minner.

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Rashid Latif, Mushtau Ahmed, Waqa
Younis, Aqib Javed
Bowling: Cork 10-0-59-2, Martin 9-0-45-0
Downing: Cork 10-0-09-2, Majuri 9-0-40-4

Gough 10-0-45-0, Mingworth 10-0-46-1, Reeve 6.4-0-37-0, Hick 2-0-17-0 Man of the match: Aamir Schall

(Pakistan) Result: Pakistan beat England by seven

## SPORTS BRIEFS

Scottish Rugby Union cries foul The Scottish Rugby Union have cited England prop Jason Leonard for foul play which they say caused injury to Scotland's Rob Wainwright during Saturday's 19-8 Five Nations defeat.

The SRU said in a statement issued from Murrayfield: "The SRU team management were fully aware of and most concerned about the incident yesterday evening but not until this morning was the full documentary evidence available. The citing has, therefore, been made."

It is believed that Leonard swung a punch at Wainwright, who was seen in television replays to have blood on his head.

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Wakefield re-signs with Bosox

Tim Wakefield's contract worries ended Saturday when he resigned with the Boston Red Sox for one year at \$450,000, nearly triple what he made last season.

He chose the one-year deal instead of a multiyear contract that would have guaranteed more than \$1.2 million over two years and contained an option for a third year.

Brantley out with broken foot

Cincinnati Reds reliever Jeff Brantley was scheduled for surgery yesterday for a stress fracture in his right foot and will be sidelined for 6-8 weeks.

Brantley's foot swelled up after he pitched an inning during an intrasquad game Tuesday.

### SCOREBOARD

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COLLEGE BASKETRALL: Saturday's top 25 results: No. 1 Kentacky beat Vanderbiit 161-63; No. 2 Mass. beat No. 21 Louisville 62-59; No. 3 Kapsas lost to Oklahoma 85-79; No. 4 Counceticut beat Seton Hall 87-58; No. 5 Pardue beat Northwestern 79-56; No. 7 Chachsanti lost to Marquette 74-72; No. 8 GT beat No. 6 Villanova 106-68; No. 9 Texas Tech beat Rice 84-70; No. 10 Utah beat Brigham Young 96-85; No. 12 Pean State lost to Minn. 65-69; No. 13 Wake Forest beat NC State 72-79; No. 14 Mesuphis beat Talane 86-75; No. 15 Syracuse beat Notre Dame 71-67; No. 16 Virginia Tech beat Dayton 73-54; No. 17 UCLA beat Oregon 77-71; No. 26 Iowa beat Orlanoval 74-65; No. 22 Vis.-GB beat Loyola, Ill. 58-45; No. 23 Iowa State heat Calanavia 74-65; No. 24 GW last to Sc. Install x 86-82. State best Colorado 74-65; No. 24 GW lost to St. Joseph's 86-82.

NBA – Saturday's results: Seattle 183, New Jersey 92; Orlando IIS, Portland 89; Chicago 167, Boston 75; Milwaulose 116, Atkarta 106; San Antonio 115, Philadelphia 161; Denver 108, Vancouver 82; Detroit 167, L.A. Chippers 163.

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### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

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ACROSS

5 Floats about at mouth of

9 Drive back from Winder

10 Like the philosopher he

11 Poet giving merit to the

12 Top player said to give in

14 Predominates, perhaps, like one mimicked (12)

18 The edge of Wimbledon, love us, is superior! (12)

21 Sound from "Animal Farm", Orwell's first

22 Smash price-motto of

writing material (4)

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building? (9)

25 Kind of defence not re-

26 Spillage of paint is unsuitable (5)

27 Opening in shelter for one

28 Substance or spirit of the

DOWN

1 Cross woman with design

2 Table-linen in northern

3 Mustering strangely silent soldiers onto square (10)

4 Virile, some say, to use

speed of sound approaching round roundabout? (5)

5 Front part smack into trailer (9)

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\*\*\* HEAT - Al Pacino and Robert De Niro, the Zeus and Poseidon of contemporary American film realism, share just two scenes in Michael Mann's film. The whole movie, however, feels pitched inevitably toward their confrontation. In some ways, it's not even the physical meeting between them that matters, so much as its threat, or promise. A remarkable piece of sustained suspense-building, Heat is stark, brutal, and at almost three hours long, extraordinarily engaging.

The looming presence of the two actors - who play a ruthless professional criminal and a dedicated Los Angeles police detective - lends the picture a fascinating singlemindedness and unrelenting forward thrust. As in a good Western, Mann slyly animates the oxymoronic-sounding dramatic arrangement of two men joined by their solitude. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

6 Frank old writer (4)

7 Dagger in the heel (8)

8 These characters have

sums taken from them (8)

13 Big banker experiments with commercial enter-

15 Extravagant garnish (9)

17 Plainchant service? (8)

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16 Wake up in California, a musical? (8)

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prises (10)

19 Family tax (6)

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### WHAT'S ON

Programming subject to change in response to yesterday's events.

## **TELEVISION**

### ■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

### E EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Emperor's New Clothes 9:00 The Rabbits' Picnic 10:00 Victor and Victoria (1993) - Danish production about a magic ring and a war between the trolls 11:10 Trial of Red Riding - parody on the popular children's story 12:00 Rascals and Robbers - adventure story in the genre of Torn Sawyer 13:30 Stories about animals 13:40 Our Friends 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 A Thousand and One Americas 14:25 Mother Goose 15:00 Autoto

### CHANNEL 1

15:32 Land without time 15:55 Rex 16:20 At the tip of the brush 16:59 A
New Evening 17:34 Zaptot to Hosting
- with young artists and performers
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Sport magazine 19:00 News in Arabic HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 News 20:45 Popolitica 22:00 Sanderson - comedy 23:00

Backtrack - with Ehud Manor 23:30

News magazine 24:00 Versa of the Day

### E CHANNEL 2

10:00 Thumbelina 11:00 Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (1990) -Roxy Carmichael, a popular Hollywood star is about to pay a visit to her small home town and everyone wants to be in on the welcome party. Starring Winona Ryder and Jeff Daniels 13:00 Rock 'n' Roll Juvenile documentary on Cliff Richard 14:00 All for One - adventure series about a co-ed football team 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Pinocchio - with Hebrew dub-bing 15:30 Dreams with Uzi Hitman 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 A Matter of Time drama for youth 18:00 Santa Barbara - soap opera 19:00 Baywaich 20:00 News 20:30 It's a Deal - game show 21:05 Zehu Zeh - comedy 21:40

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### JORDAN TV (unconfirmed)

14:00 Bonkers 14:30 Richie Rich - cartoon 15:00 Playabout 15:15 Bustin' Loose - comedy 15:40 Animals of the Mediterranean - documentary 16:00 Voyagers 17:00
French Programs 19:30 News
Headlines 19:35 McHale's Navy comedy 20:00 Invention 20:25
Hawaii Five-0 21:10 Russia - The Missing Years 22:00 News in English 22:25 A Journey Across the Land of Islam 22:40 Perfect Scoundrels 23:10 No details available 00:00

### MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:00 The 700 Club
14:55 Sabotage (1936) — classic Alfred Hitchcock thriller about a woman who suspects that her husband is hiding something from her. Starring Oscar Homolka and Sylvia Sidney 16:30 Dennis the Meriace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Sea Quest 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:30 The Bill Costny Shony 21:30 Diagnosis The Bill Cosby Show 21:30 Diagnosis Murder 22:20 Snowy River 23:10 700 Club 24:00 Special Program

### CABLE

### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 Not Far From Home 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:45 Neighbors 17:10 Papercuts 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and The Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Purim special: Hugo's World 21:00 Married With Children 21:25 Purim special: Hugo's World 21:35 Nanny 22:00 Purim spe-cial: Hugo's World 22:10 Mad About You 22:35 Purim special: Hugo's World 22:45 Fraser 23:05 Purim special: Hugo's World 23:20 Mad About You 23:45Sisters 00:35Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots Landing

### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 The House on Garibaidi Street (1979) (rpt) 12:10 Attack of the 50-Foot Woman (1958) - classic sci-fi movie about a woman who has an alien encounter that causes her to alien encounter that causes her to grow to a gigantic size (62 mins.) 13:15 What's New at the Movies 13:25 Back Home (1990) - Disney film about a girl who is reunited with her parents in England after WWII. Starring Hayley Mills. (102 mins.) 15:15 The Howard Beach Story (1989) - drama based on the true (1989) - drama based on the true story of a black man murdered in Queens in 1986 by a group of white youth and the racial tension it ignited. Starring Daniel J. Travanti (Hill Street Blues) (90 mins.) 16:50 Le Comiaud (1964, French) - comedy about a man who is sideswiped by a big new car and offered compensation in the form of a trip to Italy. Little does he know his new friend is a smuggler. (105 mins.) 18:35 Special interview with Sharon Stone about her latest film, Casino 19:00 Hair (1979) - a midwesterner gets involved with a bunch of New York hippies in the 60s. Starring John Savage, Treat Williams and Beverly D'Angelo. (115 mins.) 21:00 With Honors (1994) - Joe Pesci, Patrick Dempsey and Brendan Fraser star in this comic drama about about a Harvard student who accidentally drops his thesis into the uni-

### versity boiler room and winds up negotiating for their return with a homeless man who lives there. (97 mins.) 22:40 Much Ado About Nothing - Kenneth Bransgh directs and stars with Emma Thompson, Michael Keaton and Denzel Washington in this Shakespears comedy (106 mins.) 00:30 Polyester (1981) - a John Waters satire on the (1981) - a John Waters satire on the middle class starring Divine as a mis-erable housewife (79 mins.) 1:55 Men

### E CHILDREN (6)

(1985, West German) (rpt)

6:30 Cartoons 7:30 Jungle Book 8:00 The Secret of the Magic Garden 8:30 Strpnse Garden 9:05 Alvin and the Chipmunks 9:30 Detective Boogle 10:10Power Rangers 10:40 Farnity Packaging 11:15 The A Team 11:40 Xibu 12:15 Beverly Hills 90210 13:00 Saved By The Bell 13:30 Hugo 14:00 Stronge Garten 14:35 Alvin and the Saved By The Bell 13:30 Hugo 14:00
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Mork and Mindy 21:20 Cheets

### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Great Race (1965) - cornecty with all-star cast including Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood, Jack Lemmon, Peter Falk and Vivian Vance about about a zany auto race from New York to Paris. (147 mins.) 00:30 La Cage Aux Folles (1978, French) - hitarious comedy about a gay couple who decides to act straight when one of their sons brings home his fiancée to meet the family. Starring Hugo Tognazzi and Michel Serreuit. (87 mins.)

### DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Management, Marketing and Economics 12:00 Human Nature 13:00 Beyond 2000 14:00 Open University 16:00 Human Nature 17:00 Beyond 2000 18:00 Open University 20:00 Balance of Nature 21:00 Travel Magazine 21:30 Floyd on Italy 22:00 The People Next Door 22:45 Balance of Nature 23:30 Open University Open University

### ■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Facing Love 18:30 Panorama with Zaidan Atshe 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Opening Shots – series about talented young exponents in all fields of art 21.15 The Gold of Naples (1954, Italian) - Four vignettes, poignant, perceptive and hilarious in turn. Starring Sophia Loren, Silvana Mangano and Toto de Laurentis (123 mins.) 00:00 Closedown

### ■ ETV 2 (23)

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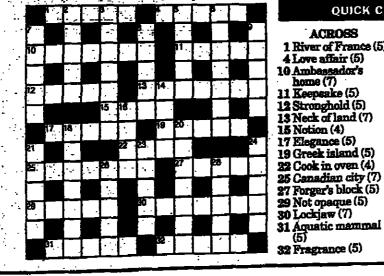
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# Psychiatrists: Amir is sane

YIGAL Amir, the confessed assassin of Yitzhak Rabin, is sane and capable of standing trial, a team of psychiatrists said in a report presented to Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Publication of details of the report was banned, but the psychiatrists, who have visited Amir in his prison cell several times over these past few weeks, ruled that there is nothing to suggest he is suffering from any mental disturbance and was not in full possession of his faculties when he killed Rabin.

Amir differentiates between right and wrong, summed up the psychiatrists, and is capable of serving a sentence, should he be convicted.

The psychiatrists also interviewed Amir's family to obtain a picture of his background.

Amir's lawyers, Shmuel Fleishman and Gabi Shahar, stat-Shmuel ed recently that they have no intention of using a temporary insanity defense, and Amir himself objected to such an argument.

Yesterday, several prosecution witnesses were recalled at the request of Fleishman and Shahar, after they were not properly crossexamined the first time around, since the lawyer Jonathan Ray Goldberg proved to be incompe-

Ch.-Supt. Motti Naftali, investigations chief of the Hayarkon police district, described again his amazement at how composed and cold Amir was during his prelimi-nary investigation. Fleishman asked him about the cookies that police had said that Amir had asked for during his interrogation. Naftali said he had been astound-

ed that Amir had dared to ask for cookies after committing the mur-At one point, Judge Edmond Levy admonished Amir for interfering with the cross-examination. Amir had burst out

that he had not said what Naftali

had attributed to him. Dr. Yoram Kluger of Ichilov Hospital, who operated on Rabin, was asked about which bullet caused Rabin's death. In previous hearings Amir said that he had only aimed the first bullet, and that the second and third ones were fired at random. The first bullet killed Rabin, Kluger said.

National Crime Squad Supt. Yoav Gazit, deputy head Dep.-Cmdr. Shimon Shervit, and ballistics experts Cmdr. Bernard Shechter and Supt. Baruch Glattstein also testified. Rabin's bodyguard Yoram Rubin, who



Yigal Amir hears the psychiatrists' verdict in court in Tel Aviv yesterday.

was wounded in the shooting, was supposed to testify but did not

District Attorney Penina Guy requested that Amir himself take

the stand this morning, when the trial resumes. Pathologist Dr. Yehuda Hiss is also scheduled to

Fleishman said that one line of

defense may be Amir's original one: that he only intended to paralyze Rabin or "put him out of action" to stop him from continuing the peace process.

# Conservatives challenge Spain's status quo

MADRID (AP) - The Socialists' 13-year grip on power was in peril yesterday as Spain held national elections, with a center-right party with roots in the Franco dictatorship poised to win.

The bitterness of the campaign carried over into election day, as a cluster of bystanders shouted "Get out!" and "scoundrel" at Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez as he went to a school to vote.

Others clapped for Gonzalez, whose chances of being elected to a fifth term have been severely damaged by a series of political and financial scandals. During the campaign, the Popular Party attacked Gonzalez as corrupt. Gonzalez countered that a victory by Popular Party would mark a step back toward Spain's days of repression.

But Jose Maria Aznar, the Popular Party leader and Spain's next prime minister if his party wins, claimed he represents the political center.

Aznar promised voters to fight corruption, try to create more jobs in a country with a 23-percent unemployment rate - Europe's highest - crack down on armed Basque separatists, balance the budget and cut Spain's deficit.

With the Popular Party ahead by 6.8 percentage points in the latest pre-election poll, Aznar appeared serene while voting. Police shoved back a throng of journalists and supporters as the candidate, dressed in a business suit, made his way back to his bulletproof

"Today will be a great day for Spanish democracy."

MIAMI (Reuter) - Angry weath-

er, not the Cuban military, tamed a

flotilla of anti-Castro exiles who

held a brief ceremony at sea on

Saturday to mourn four civilian

pilots shot down last week by Cuban MiG fighters.

Fears of conflict on the high seas

and a repeat of last week's incident

subsided as the weather worsened

during the day. Only the 15 largest

fishing boats in the original 35-

vessel flotilla made it through

two-meter seas and 15-knot

winds, the US Coast Guard said.

If Aznar wins, his inauguration will mean that for the first time in modern Spanish history, Spanish voters determined two consecutive transfers of power. Turnout was high with 40 percent of Spain's 38 million registered voters casting ballots by midday. Some voters leaving polling stations on a sun-

splashed day in Madrid dismissed as exaggerations the Socialists' warnings that a Popular Party victory would mean an about-face toward the 1939-75 Franco dictatorship.

The Popular Party wants to improve the economy to tax us less and to create more jobs," said Jose Miguel Bernardo Perez, 51, after casting his ballot. But some voters remained suspicious. Aznar has not stated how he will accomplish his

economic reforms without cutting jobs in the public sector, slicing into pensions and social security or Aznar has told diplomats that he does not want to

take sudden drastic measures, to avoid crippling strikes and demonstrations like those that hit France last December. Aznar has promised that if he wins the election, he

would talk with leaders of big business and the labor unions the next day to seek compromises. Aznar, who survived an ETA bomb blast last April that destroyed his car, also plans to crack down on the Basque separatists who have killed almost 800

flotilla as a "counter-revolution-

Cuban radio said the flotilia had

been organized by a "subversive

group" and added: "The show did

not achieve its objectives ... In the

end, they had to limit themselves

to a funeral ceremony in interna-

Flotilla organizer Ramon Saul

Sanchez, head of an anti-Castro

group called the Democracy Movement, acknowledged the

flotilla was not the success he had

"Yes, we are disappointed,"

Sanchez told reporters when he

returned to Key West from the day-long trip. God wanted it that

way. We can fight a dictator but

not God. We want to be on his

As the boats straggled back to

Key West, some passengers said

they had been forced to crawl on

their hands and knees because of

Saturday's peaceful protest took

place under the watchful eye of an

armada of US Navy ships and

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the unarmed airplanes last week.

and bouquets of red, white and

blue carnations into the water.

Some sang the Cuban national

anthem, while others crossed

themselves and bowed their heads

In Havana, Cuba's state-run

Radio Rebelde dismissed the

silently in prayer.

Exiles tossed funeral wreaths

# Turkish right-wing parties sideline Islamists

ANKARA (Reuter) - Rival conservative parties joined forces vesterday to end Islamists' strongest ever bid for power in officially secular Turkey and bring to a close a five-month political impasse.

The two leaders, both freemarketeering conservatives who share a pro-Western vision for the NATO-member republic, set aside personal rivalry to seal a minority government pact envisaging a rotating premiership for the first time in Turkey.

"We are pleased to see that two parties which are close to one another have come to the stage of signing a coalition pact," caretaker Prime Minister Tansu Ciller told a news conference after signing the deal with fellow rightist Mesut Yilmaz.

Under the deal Yilmaz will serve as premier first, followed by Ciller for two years from the beginning of 1997. Yilmaz would take up the post again for the fourth year, before ceding place to another member of Ciller's True Path Party (DYP).

"I believe this is the most logical resolution from the picture thrown up by the elections," said Yilmaz, with a tired smile that showed the strain of weeks of political wrangling.

He is expected to give President Suleyman Demirel a cabinet list for approval next week, and the government should go for a parliamentary vote of confidence by mid-

Yilmaz's Motherland Party (ANAP) and Ciller's DYP do not have enough MPs for an absolute majority in the 550-seat parliament, but they have support from a leftist party.

Turkey has been under caretaker rule since Ciller's coalition with the social democrats collapsed in September and squabbling between party leaders prolonged the deadlock beyond

December's general elections. Ciller said the premiership had been the biggest single obstacle for the coalition between the parties, which share essentially the same outlook.

alliance.

The leaders signed a 25-page programme for their government, which will first set out to treat the country's economic ills, such as 80 percent annual inflation and try to end a Kurdish rebellion in the southeast.

Ecevit promised and then failed to support Ciller's attempt at a minority government in October.

"We know the difficult conditions under which this joint gov-ernment will work," Yilmaz

## **Dole wins** in S. Carolina

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) - Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole-has reignited his presidential campaign with an overwhelming victory in the South Carolina Republican primary the springboard to a critical series of contests over the next 10 days.

an interview as he celebrated a decisive win after several embarrassing early losses. He said he runner, a mantle he lost two weeks ago in New Hampshire.

bellwether state that House Speaker Newt Gingrich suggested Dole could virtually seal the nomination in the 10 contests this week. Eager to bring peace to the cantankerous nomination chase, Gingrich advised the laggards to

With more than 99 percent of

"Someone had to make a sacrifice. I made this sacrifice," she told reporters. She said she would serve as an ordinary MP until her turn came to head the

Their task will not be easy. Apart from Ciller and Yilmaz's bitter animosity, which could always resurface, their minority government will depend upon the support of 1970s-style leftist Bulent Ecevit and his party, which opposes privatisation and many of the conservatives' other economic policies.

"A new beginning," Dole said in

So solid was Dole's victory in a face reality and quit.

the South Carolina precincts counted, Dole had 45 percent of the vote to 29 percent for Pat Buchanan and 13 percent for publisher Steve Forbes. Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander was at 10 percent, a weak showing in his home region.



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### Turkish Cypriot leader suffers heart attack

NICOSIA - Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash suffered a heart attack early yesterday, said doctors, who reported his condition as sta-

"Mr. Denktash is in intensive care. The first 48 hours are important. At the moment he is comfortable and sleeping," Sait Kenan, the doctor who treated the leader told reporters at the hospital.

Denktash, 72, has led Turkish Cypriots since 1974, when Turkish troops invaded the island following an Athens-backed coup by Greek Cypriots. Since then the island has been divided into Greek and Turkish sectors.

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## Police break up neo-Nazi concert

MAGDEBURG - Fourteen youths were taken into custody Saturday night when hundreds of police moved in to break up an unannounced concert by neo-Nazi bands that was attended by 1,250 skinheads.

About 700 officers were deployed to break up the event in eastern Germany, police said yesterday.

The audience at the unauthorized gathering late at night at first refused to leave a warehouse in Barleben, north of Magdeburg, after authorities decided they could be a danger to public order.

Two people were injured at the Barleben concert, police said. Racist and neo-fascist videos, CDs and pamphlets also were

confiscated. Police chief Johannes Lottmann from nearby Stendal said names and addresses were collected from all participants, enabling police to compile what he called a "comprehensive catalog" of organizers of the radical

right scene. Authorities will decide in the cute those involved for displaying banned Nazi symbols or on other charges, he said. A preliminary investigation found the concert, with the

next few days whether to prose-

extreme right-wing music groups "Elbsturm" and "Endstufe" from Germany and the English band "Lorimors," was secretly planned and advertised via computer mailboxes and other electronic means, Lottmann said. "The right-wing scene in

Germany is organized," he said, adding that the concert had nothing to do with music or culture, but with "spiritual alignment" and youths who wanted "to show their

Police learned of the event, held in a former sheep farm, about 5 p.m. and raised an area-wide alarm. Some 750 police from two states participated in the raid.

Two police officers also were injured during a demonstration by leftist youths against the extreme-right "National Press Archive" in Frankfurt an der

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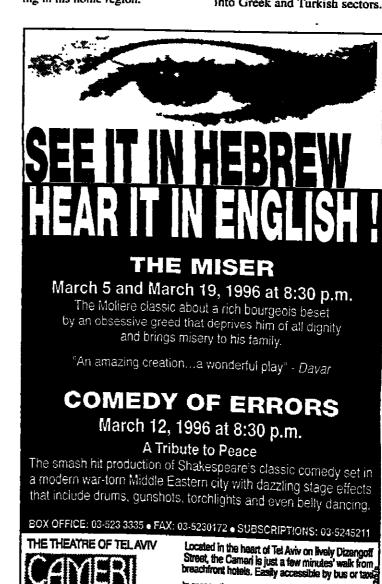
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